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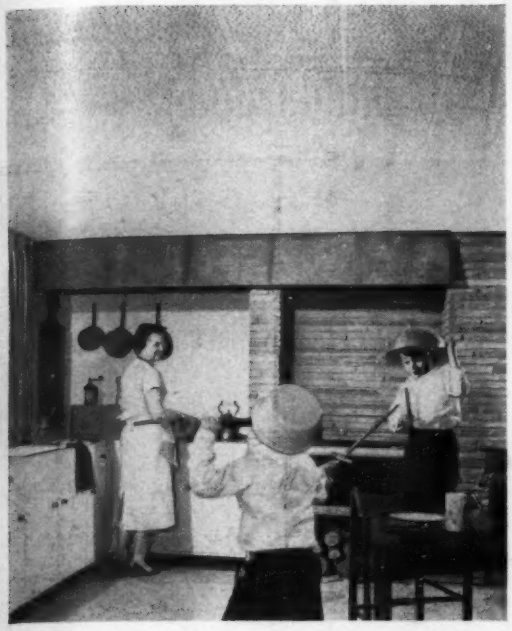

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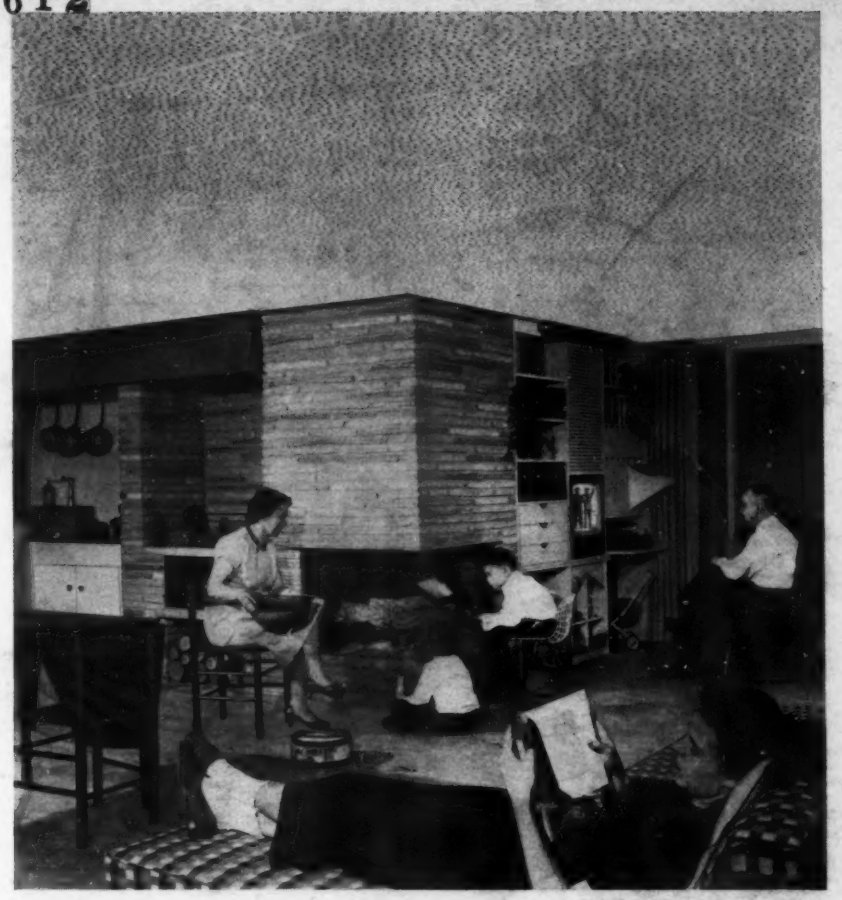

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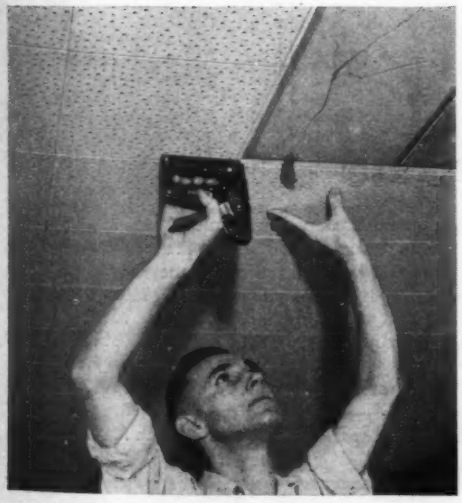

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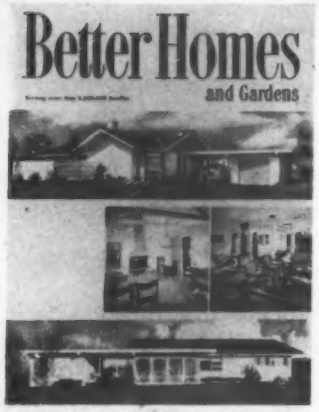

There are many sides to this year's Idea Home of the Year—all yours to study, to use, to adapt in remodeling, building, decorating, landscaping. And you can visit the house in cities across the country listed on page 78. But see it now, page 63. Cover photograph: Hedrich-Blessing

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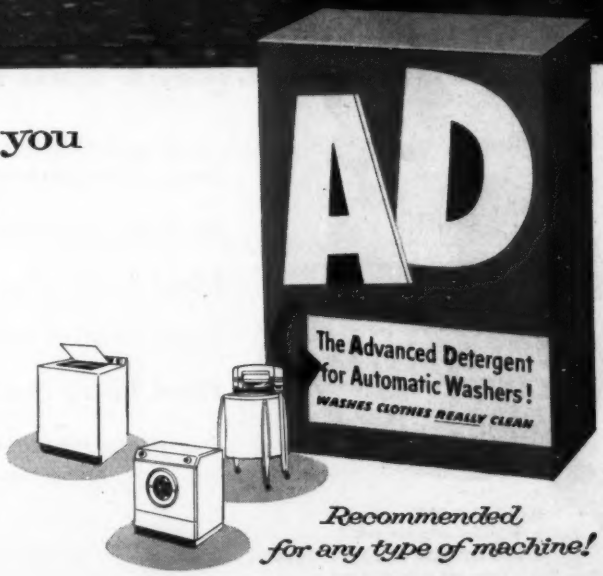

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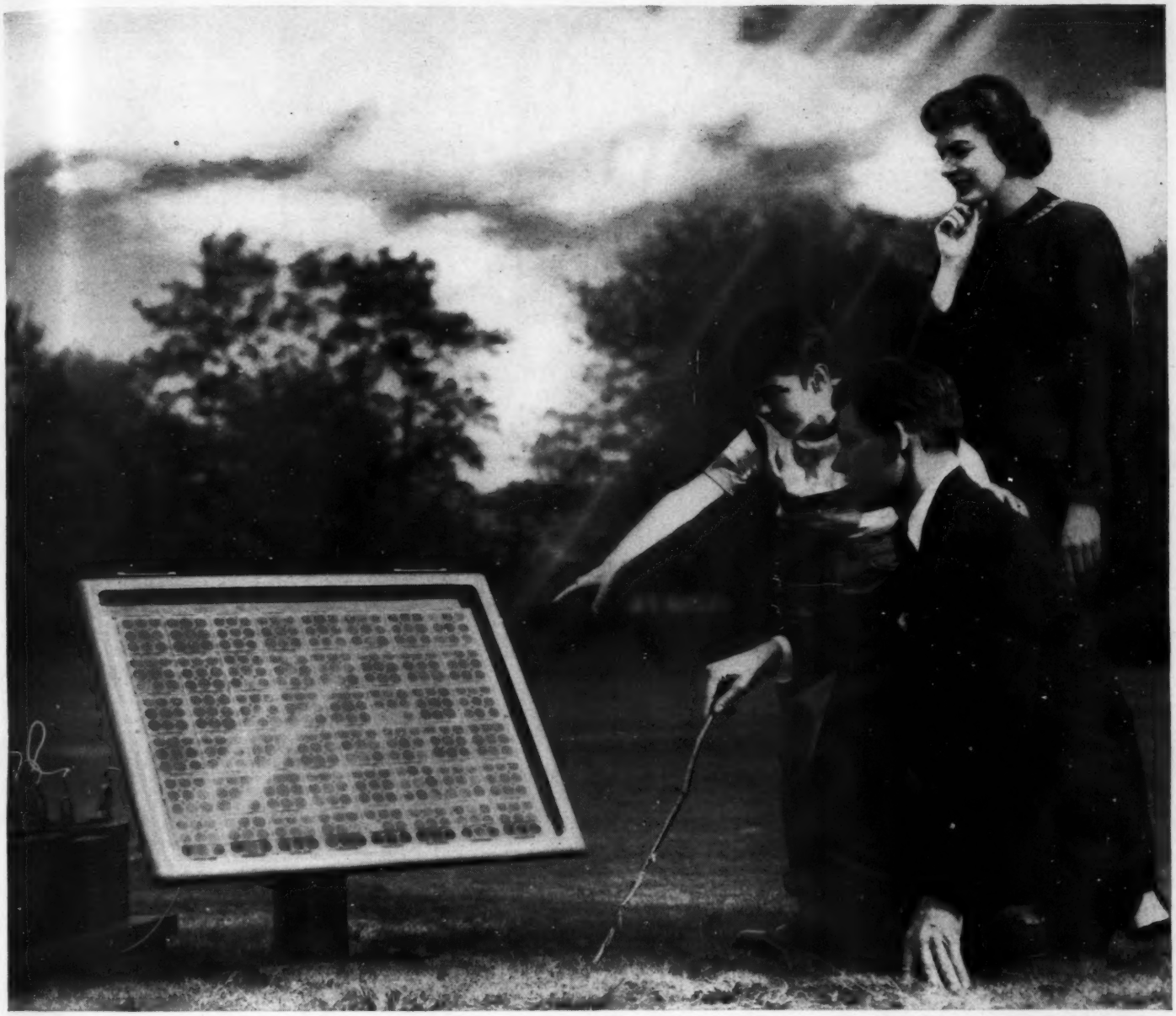

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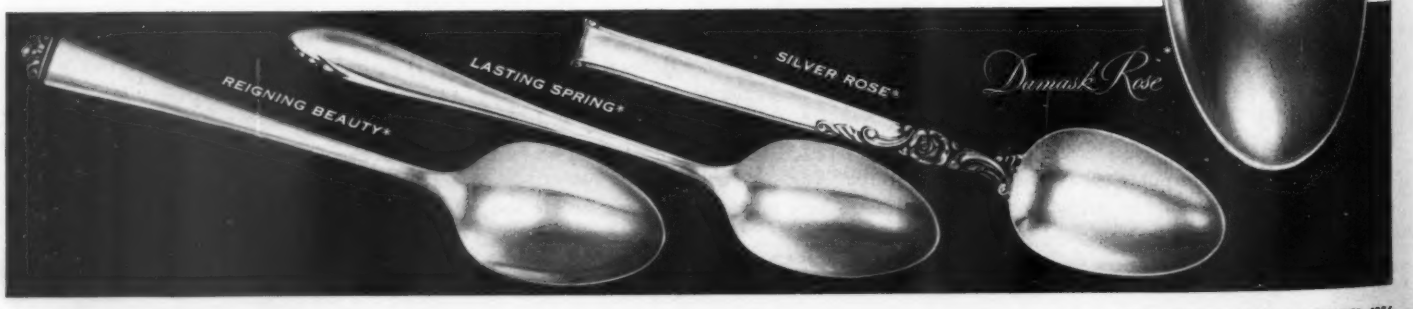

Contest

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Which divisions apply to your project?

1. Exteriors: Any improvement from lot line to lot line that makes for a more attractive outside picture, a more useful house and yard. Among many examples: General improvement of house's appearance, such as done by painting, roofing, re-siding. Improvement of design by removal or redesign, say, trimming back an old-fashioned overhang to a more modern roof. Development of any detached structures like garage, garden-storage unit, workshop. Also garden architecture: a trellis, fence, or any improvement through use of plants, trees, shrubs. A pool or a play yard.

2. Interiors: All improvements within confines of existing house, except a kitchen or utility area. This includes improving beauty and practicality of rooms through new furnishings, decorating, papering, and painting. Examples: A dining room made into a family room; bedroom space from a formerly unfinished attic. Updating a bathroom, improving a window area. Putting basement to better use through redesigning, rearrangement—including heating, air conditioning, plumbing equipment. Smaller improvements like a new fireplace, or updating of an old one. Resurfacing a wall or floor.

3. Additions: Any new, enclosed space attached to your house. Examples: A bedroom added to the present house, added space for a bathroom, provision for a family room, a vestibule entry with extra storage, a covered porch, an attached greenhouse.

4. Kitchen-Utility Areas: This covers all kitchens and/or utility areas either remodeled from present space or added, or both. Examples: Better arrangement and updating of kitchen equipment. Increasing kitchen efficiency through better traffic, storage, and work areas. Adding eating space in kitchen. Relocation of utility area to more convenient spot. Your kitchen and utility area may be separate or combined. Repainting and redecorating count as much here as elsewhere.

Remember, you choose the division for your project. Then, after we receive your Final Entry Form, our judges will decide into which of four classes in each division it goes. These classes (A-B-C-D under each division) are based on the scope of the project itself. Thus, all entries compete only with others of equal scope. *A small, inexpensive improvement will have the same chance to win a prize as a large, costly project.*

You may enter more than one division. Example: If you make an addition to your present house for a kitchen, you might choose to enter your project in both "Additions" and "Kitchen-Utility" divisions. Sections of a larger project, taking in a whole house and lot might be entered in each of the four divisions. Separate Final Entry Forms must be used for *each* entry in cases such as this. Contest editor will supply extra Final Entry Forms on request.

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3. Additions (New, enclosed space attached to house.)	A..eight $100 winners B..eight $100 winners C..eight $100 winners D..eight $100 winners	field of 32 for division prizes	A $500 B $500 C $500 D $500
4. Kitchens and Utility rooms (Separate or combined.)	A..eight $100 winners B..eight $100 winners C..eight $100 winners D..eight $100 winners	field of 32 for division prizes	A $500 B $500 C $500 D $500

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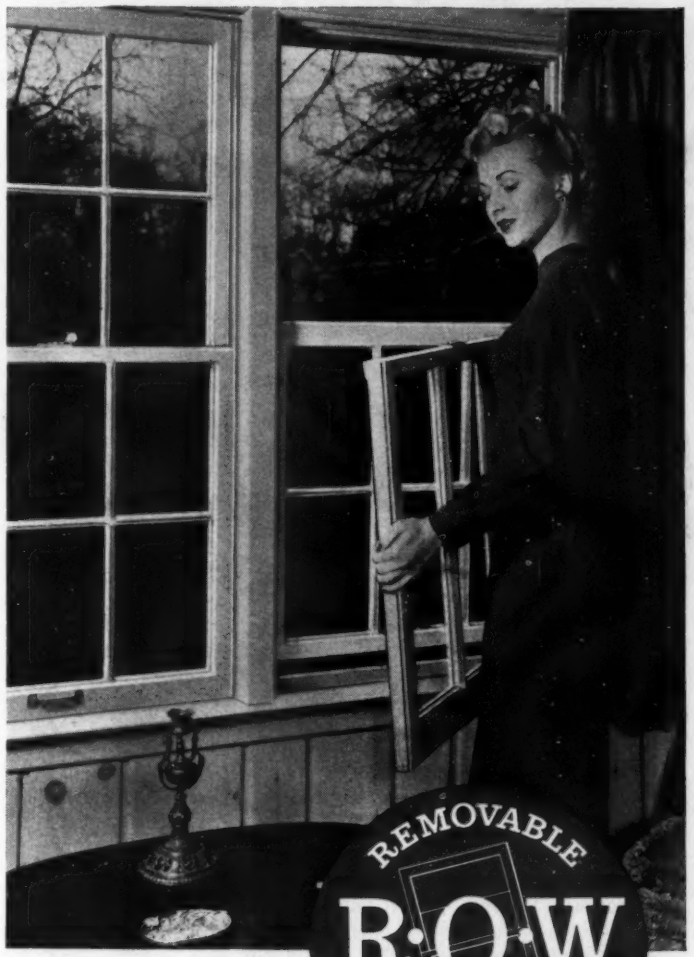

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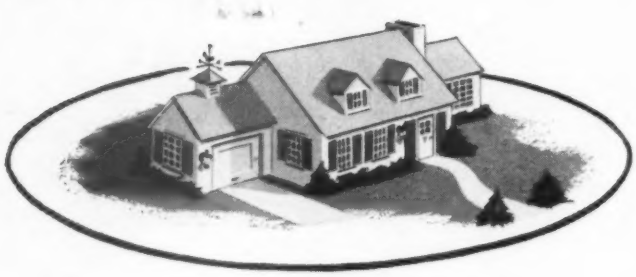

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A fancy for waterfowl is shown in this collection of handsome Japanese prints and china figurines. The silk mats are in harmony with the traditional furniture. You could add distinction to a hallway in a similar manner. From Charles Copeland home, Dover, Massachusetts

Photographs: Van Nes

Flower-lover's corner combines prize roses from the garden with a quilted floral print on the chair, pressed-flower pictures. Even though the pictures are not all alike, they are the same scale, and arranged not to hide behind the lamp. The Samuel Robbins home, St. Louis

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Paint and patience blend busy woodwork and patterned glass doors into subtle background for china collection. Mahogany table was antiqued with aluminum paint, then white. Final coat is blue tube-color mixed with turpentine and oil, brushed on, and then off

Decorator: Clifford Burroughs, A.I.D.

Hobbies hold the spotlight at the John Pipers in Darien, Connecticut.

Brightly colored dolls from all over the world make a warm accent during winter, show family's travel interest.

There's room for record collection, TV, phonograph, too.

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Antiques from the attic may be the answer to what to hang in the hall. The curved line formed by the pictures repeats the front curved line of the lovely old table. Mats on the French prints repeat the color of the chair seats. The grouping is small enough not to block traffic. The Milton Adess home, South Brookline, Massachusetts

Elegant embroidery from old robes, dresser scarves, towels, dresses is often handsome enough to frame as a picture. Choose a few that have harmonizing colors, mat them in a soft color, they can serve as the basis for a color scheme in a room. The floral motif can be further repeated as it is here in the lamp base and the quilted headboard

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Save steps with a sliding table

By Betty St. John

THINK of the steps you'd save with a sliding table like this one—designed to simplify serving for a polio patient, Mrs. Robert Lassiter, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina. All the equipment she needs is grouped together in one kitchen corner. When the table's all set, a touch from Mrs. Lassiter slides it along a track into the dining area.

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The storage units open from either the kitchen or dining side to save even more steps. Open glassware shelves provide pass-through into the kitchen. Opening into kitchen is especially handy when 10-year-old Lorne helps Mother serve coffee in the living room or wheels her cartful of snacks outdoors to the Lassiter's dining terrace

View from kitchen side shows table sliding along the track into the dining area.

Table needs only a gentle nudge from Mrs. Lassiter to start on its travels. The trip is so smooth that even filled glasses and lighted candles arrive intact. Panel raises to permit table to pass through.

The table gets set in this handy counter-top position on the kitchen side. In this corner: everything for table setting from place mats to pottery, all within easy reach

On the dining side, the table becomes a serene setting for four (it can seat up to six). In lowered position, as it is here, the pass-through panel blends into the wall. Note the amount of space that has been allowed between panel and bookcase wall for the two chairs—important to remember in adapting the table to your needs

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By Keith Monroe

Douglas F. and his wife Norma keep no budget. Nor do they scrimp. Their home in a Los Angeles suburb is handsome and well kept. They eat steaks and roasts every week; invite guests in for dinner three or four times a month. Their two children receive elaborate medical care. Doug plays golf and poker without counting the cost particularly, and recently Norma bought an $85 camera "on an impulse," she said.

Yet all their outgo, when totaled for a year, usually is slightly within their income—which last year was $9,780. By shrewd Scottish guesses, the F.'s seem to sense when to spend and when not to. They're believers in do-it-yourself—and in an even greater aid to thrift, get-friends-to-help-do-it. They're alert shoppers, with keen noses for a good buy. Recently when they heard that a wealthy widow had decided to sell her furniture, they scrambled into their 1950 car and drove across the county to be among the first to call on her. After some good-natured bargaining, they paid her just $180 for a beautiful set of chairs, sofa, and two lamps—all practically new.

"They came from the maid's room, and she'd never had a maid," Norma recalled.

By such short cuts the F.'s manage to live well, have fun, and stay on good terms with credit managers. Doug is an engineering supervisor at an aircraft plant. He's doing well for a 33-year-old. His base salary is $750 a month. When he tackles an assignment requiring a string of evenings or Saturdays at the plant, his pay is temporarily increased.

Inside and outside, their home looks more expensive than people think Doug should be able to afford. The reason is that Doug took art courses in high school, as well as engineering at college. He not only did some of the heavy physical labor on his house, he also did some designing and decorating.

When he moved into the house, his artistic sense told him it looked too narrow. The 50-foot lot was too small for him to build an addition. But he made it look wider and more pleasing by designing a carport to extend over the driveway. It was a free-floating, cantilevered affair stretching from the house to the edge of the lot. If designed by an architect and built by a contractor, it might have cost him a month's pay. But he spent less than $100 for it, even including refreshments served to friends who helped him with it.

Then Doug and Norma decided that their house still looked too plain from the front, because the doorway was on the side. A friend who was a landscape architect drew a sketch for beautifying their front yard with trees and plants, even loaned his workmen for a day. At his direction, a giant Bird-of-paradise plant in the yard was moved 15 feet to a more suitable place.

"We found out when they moved it that the plant was worth about $85," Norma recalls. "If I'd known that, I'd have been out there watering it oftener."

Doug figured that the three laborers did more in 6 hours than he and his friends could have done in 6 weeks. They moved a load of topsoil, put in seven bare-root birch trees, wired them in place, and set an assortment of tropical plants into planters by the driveway. Doug had built the brick planters himself. He paid $160 for labor, soil, trees, plants, and plant food. The new landscaping plus the carport gave the place an exotic, low-slung, Japanese look which is the admiration of the block.

Another burst of beautification occurred recently when Doug and Norma happened to look at a color chart in a paint advertisement. After considering it for about 30 seconds, they bought a can of plastic paint to try on the back of the house.

"Before we knew it, we'd painted the whole house with a roller," Doug says. "It took us one weekend, and cost us $40. I'll add the trim next time I feel dynamic."

Last year they papered the bathroom and painted the bedroom of their daughters, aged 8 and 5. They think they'll probably do another room this year—perhaps the parlor for which Norma made a set of draperies 2 years ago. Or they may do something about the rear view of their house, which still dissatisfies them.

They pay $84 a month on their house, plus taxes and insurance. Doug [*Turn to page 222*

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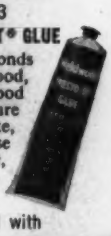

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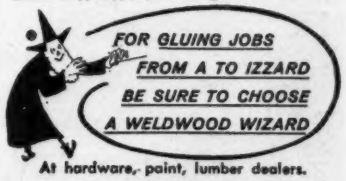

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Television goes Early American by simply placing it in an old pie safe. Back of safe was removed and the table-model TV set placed inside. When the doors are closed, this "Early American built-in" becomes a decorative cupboard — the center of a living-room grouping

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Decorator: Lenox, Johnston-Lenox

If you like originality, try a painted mural. It can be a conversation piece as well as a space-maker. This one was done in a light, airy manner to give a big-room feeling to this dining end of a living room. Light-in-scale furniture was used also to heighten spacious look. Mrs. Patricia Schilling home, Minneapolis

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Remove varnish. Apply two coats of sealer, sanding between each, so wood won't warp when wallpaper paste is applied. Put fabric on pasted wood surface. Mrs. Patricia J. Schilling home, Minneapolis.

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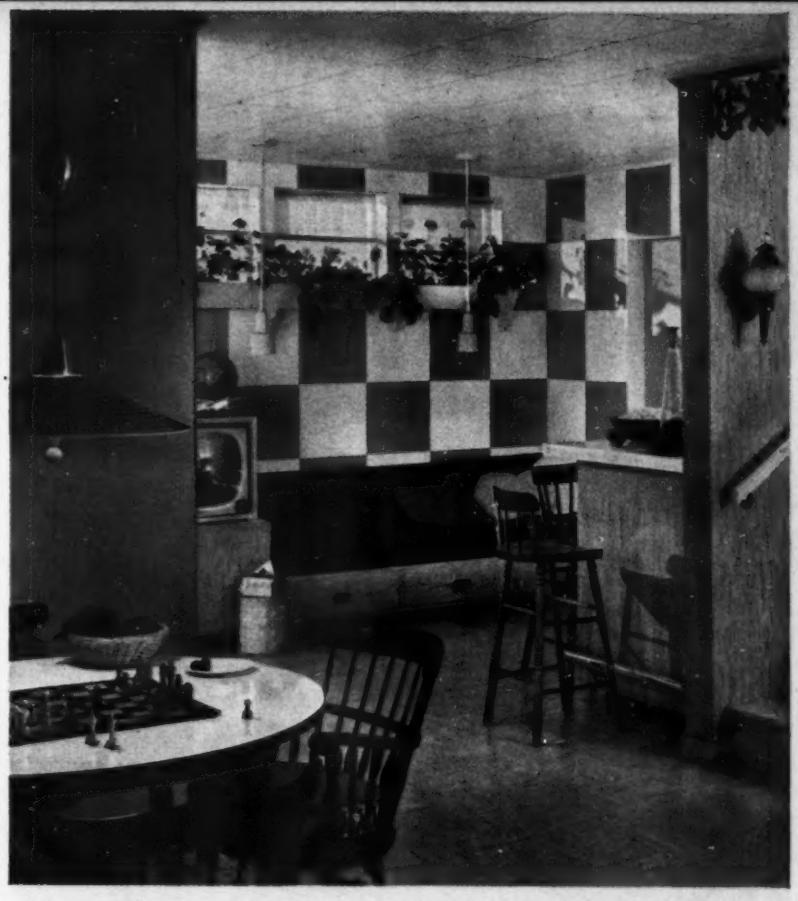
Change of color made these tables feel at home in a Contemporary interior. Table's basic lines were good so only finish was changed: varnish removed, wood sanded smooth, black paint rubbed into grain.

Smoked mirrors were used to make stainproof tops for this pair, but plain heavy glass or a durable, laminated plastic would serve the same purpose. From the home of the A. Ballengers, Highland Park, Illinois.



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On page 28, you'll find step-by-step photographs showing assembly of the 9½-foot dinghy—as well as details on how to buy the plans you'll need.

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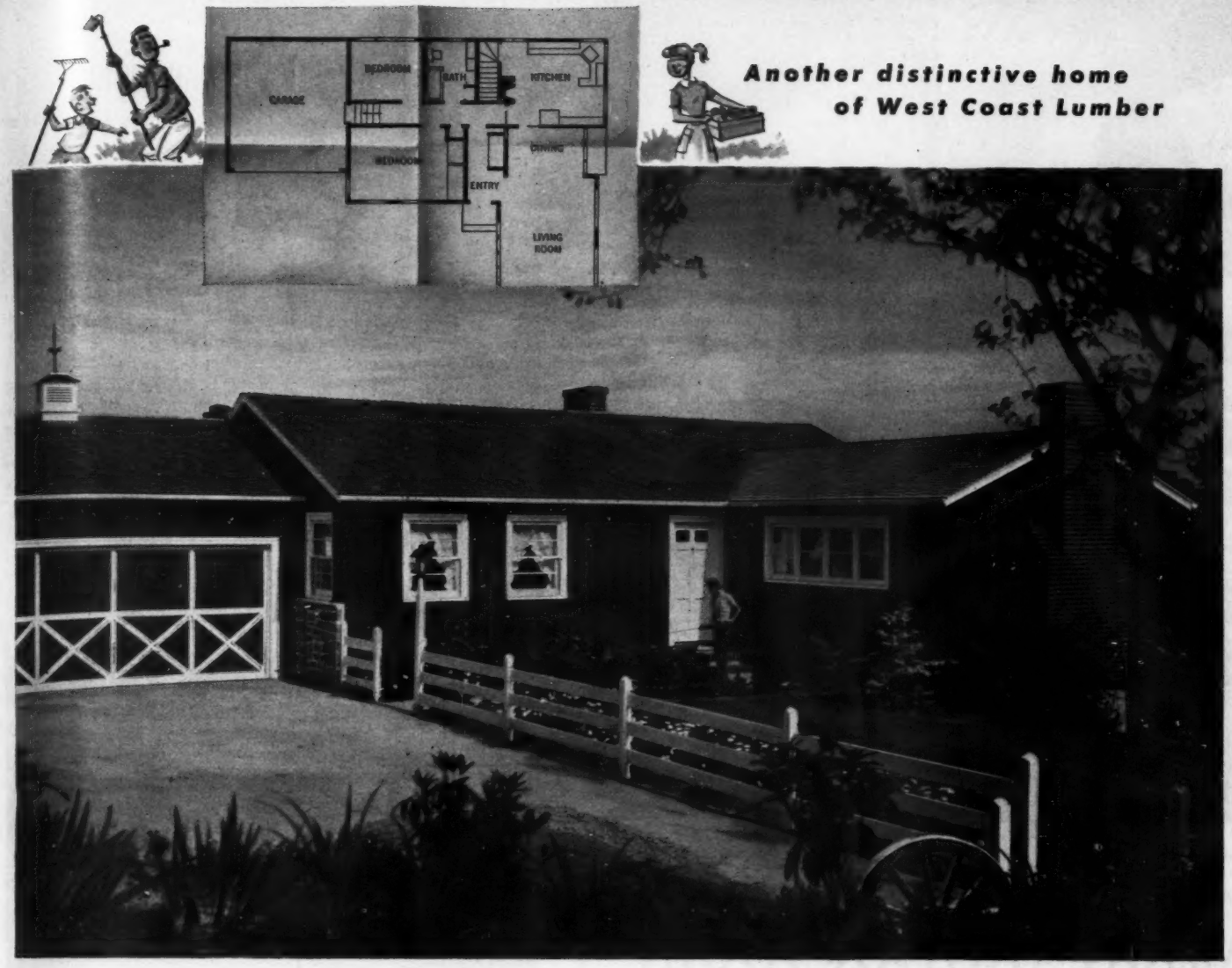
Dinghy's light weight (110 pounds) makes it easy to transport to and from water. With beam of only 53 inches, boat can be hauled on car-top carrier or in a small trailer. For use on small bodies of water, it also makes a good auxiliary craft for larger-size boats



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A flat-bottom boat you can build

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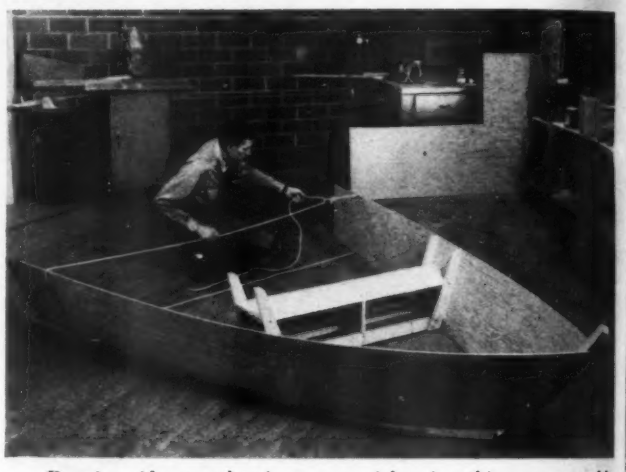
Construction of the dingly begins at the bow. Side panels are single sheets of ¼-inch exterior-grade plywood, which is cut 10 feet long.

Sides are screwed and glued to the 2x2-inch stem piece. Stem is trimmed after seats and stern are placed.

By cutting all the pieces first you can allow plenty of room for assembly.



Drawing sides together is one-man job using this rope assembly trick. Center seat is fastened to one side. Panels then are pulled together and held in final shape while framework of boat is completed. The pattern plan details the cuts for the most difficult pieces

Rope holds sides rigid while seat assembly is secured with screws and bedding compound. Preboring screw holes helps speed your work. Before the rope is released, the stern piece (transom) of ½-inch fir plywood and rear seat are added. Stem piece then is trimmed

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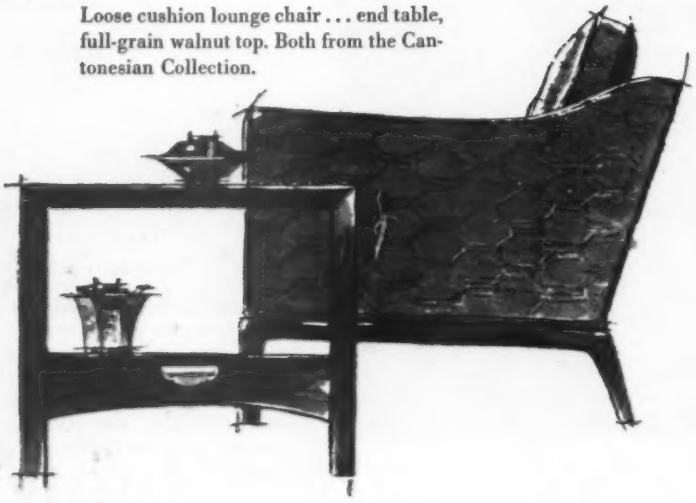

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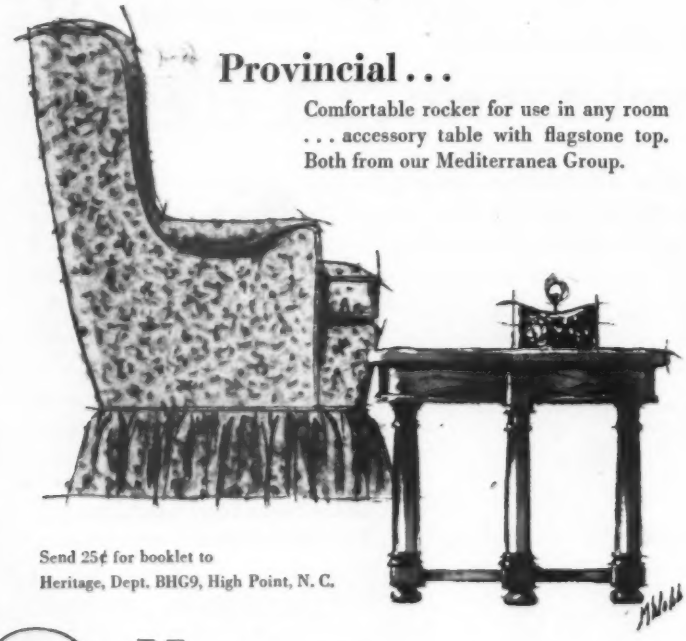

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They call it a carporch!

By Jessie Walker

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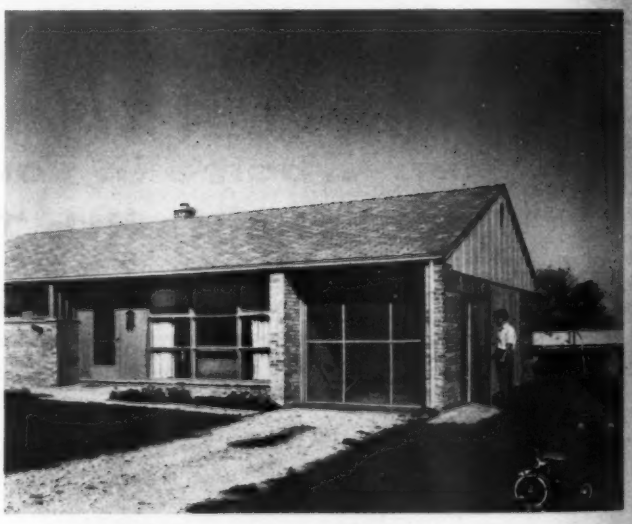
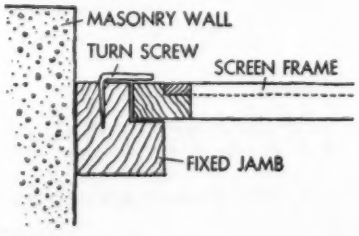


. . . turned their carport into a screen porch for summer use. Owners, the Martin Greens, made screens themselves — building frame and fastening screening with stapler.

Screen walls are set in wood framework much like conventional window screens. One large screen fills carport opening. This is only screen that moves out when car moves in during winter months.



Turn screws in fixed frame of carport wall hold the screens. System makes screen walls as easy to remove as to install.

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Bed and couch frames have a new, low look. Casters or glides fasten directly to the metal frame without leg extensions. This puts the bottom of the box spring as low as 3 inches from the floor and brings the whole couch down to a more comfortable sitting level. To keep a couch from slipping away from the wall, rubber glides are used. New, nylon-base glides let the frame move easily for bedmaking without marring the floor.

Even sewing machines now have French Provincial cabinets to blend with your other Provincial furniture. The cabinet is about the size of a night stand or lamp table, so it could serve a double purpose in whichever room you like to sew. With its matching cherry chair, it could even serve as a small, part-time desk.

Spotlights on a portable floor-to-ceiling pole give quick, dramatic lighting wherever you want it. To highlight a picture, to show off a handsome plant, or give reading light, you just beam a spotlight in the appropriate direction. Quick as you decide to move a chair you can unplug the slim walnut pole and take it along, too. Pole adjusts to fit most ceiling heights snugly without use of bolts.

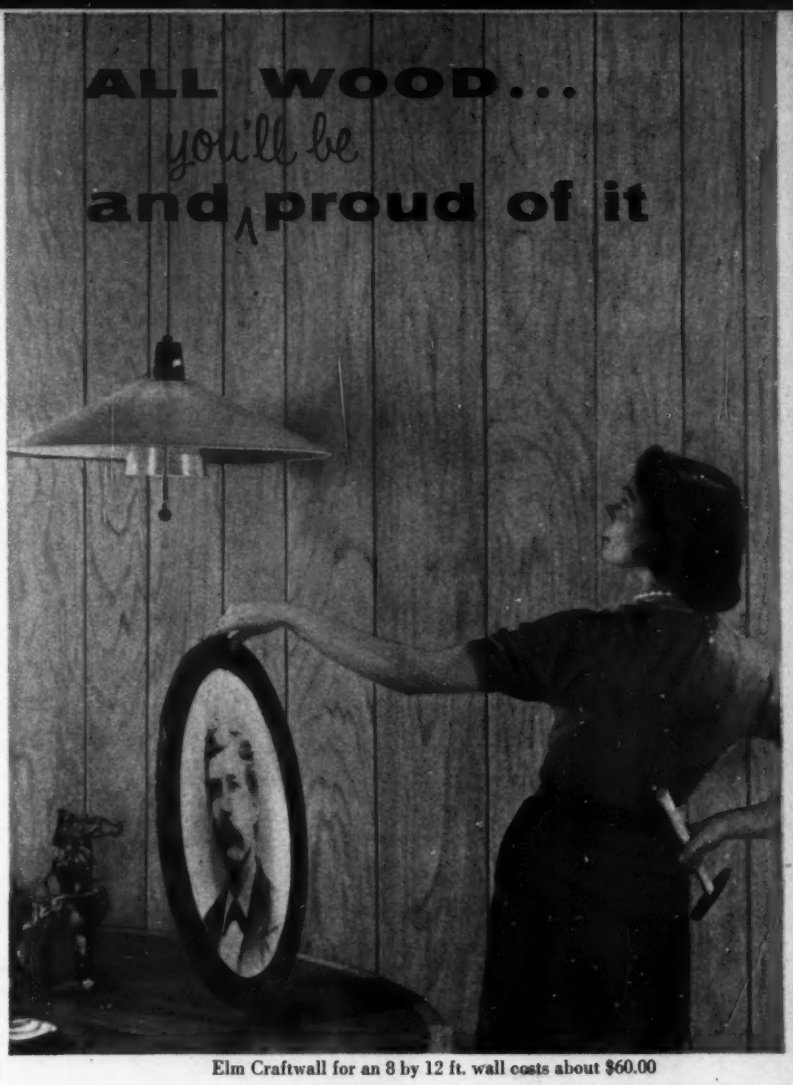
And here's an idea if you'd like to make a study corner for a student, divide living and dining areas, or make extra wall space for the TV set: The lighting poles can be teamed with matching plain poles that support handsome, translucent panel screens. The panels give an effect much like the Japanese shoji screens. These can be moved just as quickly if you want to change the furniture arrangement.

New window shades snap onto the roller, easily unsnap again at laundry time or when you want to make a quick change to another pattern or solid color. The washable, all-purpose cotton fabric makes them especially suitable for bathrooms and kitchens. There's a matching, perky ruffled valance to make the window treatment complete (and to hide the top of the roller). Shade and valance rod both fasten to the same bracket that's set out on the window frame so that the shade covers all the woodwork.

Cork-patterned asphalt tile is the answer if you like the warm beauty of cork for your living room, but need a flooring that can be laid directly on a cement slab. The handsome textured appearance of the tile is just right with the contemporary idea of letting a lot of the floor show, using only small area rugs to emphasize your furniture groupings. The cork coloring complements wood tones in your rooms.

Would your study group enjoy decorating films? There are many entertaining and informative ones with lots of ideas to help solve home-furnishings problems. Write our Subscribers' Information Bureau for addresses of associations and firms offering films. Most can be borrowed at small cost. *We do not make any dates for showings. We only offer the list as a service.*

"Well Dressed Windows," *Better Homes & Gardens* new, color filmstrip, has 18 minutes of exciting and practical window treatments to make windows an important and glamorous part of a decorating scheme. It is complete with synchronized sound. Only $8.95, and would be a helpful addition to the film collection of schools [*Turn to next page*



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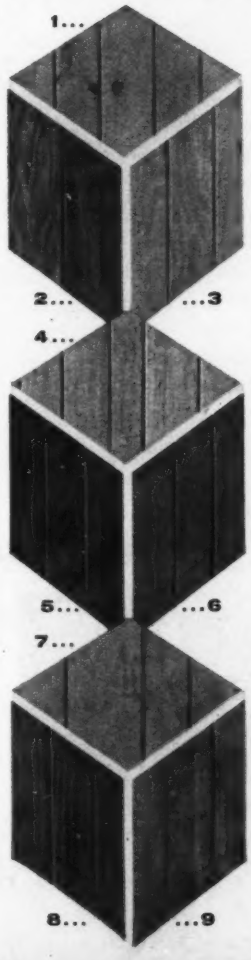

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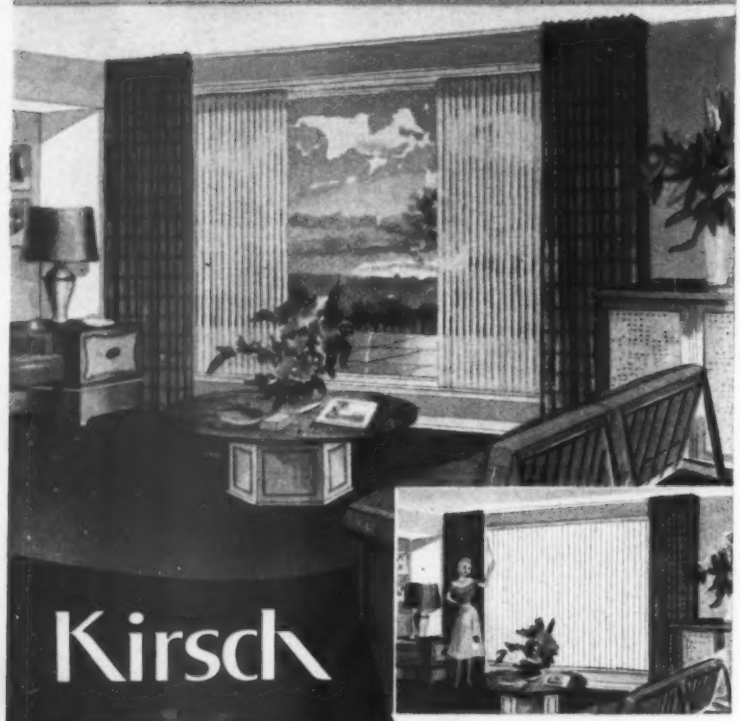

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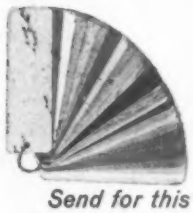

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By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Tuberous begonia "rules" questioned

Time-honored ideas about growing tuberous begonias will have to be altered somewhat, as a result of experiments conducted by testers of the Men's Garden Clubs of America.

They found, for example, that the best position for growing tuberous begonias is not in complete shade, but in a spot where they can get all available sunlight up to 11 a.m. After that, say the testers, it's all right to give them light from the open sky, but keep them out of the sun's direct rays.

In addition, the best location for the plants is found on the northeast corner of a white house—white, to provide soft, reflected light. West exposures, as a rule, are too hot.

Plants grown in light shade all day long, say the testers, become tall and lanky, and flower poorly.

America's most valuable crop?

What is America's most valuable crop? It's not wheat, cotton, or corn, but grass, says Dr. E. C. Holt of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

"Few people realize," he declared in a recent grass conference held at the college, "that more money is spent for grass on lawns, parks, cemeteries, airports, golf courses, and highway shoulders than for any other single crop."

What Dr. Holt might have added, but did not, is that of all the area in turf, the most important of all is that around homes. This grass area is at least 10 times the size of that in all other forms of ornamental turf. And some specialists estimate it as much as 15 times as great.

The most disheartening feature of this tremendous grass investment is that hardly a copper cent is spent in research on home lawns—the biggest single investment in plant material in the country.

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If you have crabgrass in your lawn, you can be sure you didn't buy it with your lawn seed. No matter how poor the grade of seed, the chances of getting crabgrass are practically zero.

I found out why when I harvested some crabgrass seed for weed-killer tests last summer. To harvest less than a pound of seed of this pest cost over $5 in labor. The seed grows low to the ground, is both fluffy and sticky, and doesn't mature all at once. It can be collected only by hand, a very costly job.

Another reason why crabgrass doesn't get into com-

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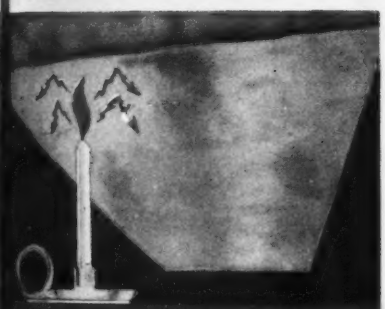

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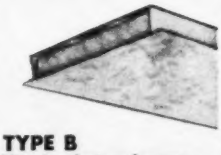

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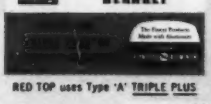

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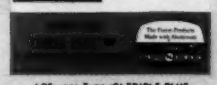

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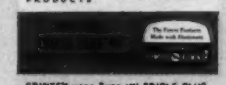

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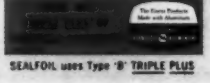

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mercial seed mixtures is the difference in ripening time. Bents, fescues, and bluegrasses mature and are harvested between June and mid-July. Crabgrass seed doesn't mature until August. Actually, lawn seed harvested in June is on sale before the first crabgrass seed is mature.

Where then does the crabgrass come from in a newly seeded lawn? Some of it is brought in with "good black topsoil." Usual source of topsoil is worn-out weedy fields which will no longer grow good crops. When you buy this type of soil, you also buy the weeds and crabgrass which plagued the farm owner in previous years.

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Sunturf new grass for South

Homeowners in the South may have a new lawn grass soon. Called Sunturf, it's a form of Bermuda imported from Kimberly, South Africa.

Compared to the popular U-3 Bermuda, it is darker green in color, finer in texture, and has less conspicuous seed heads. It may not stand as much traffic and scuffing as U-3, and it's resistance to cold is not fully tested, but it has gone through a temperature of 4 degrees above zero.

Sunturf, like U-3, must be grown from stolons. No seed is available.

State Experiment Stations in Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and South Carolina are distributing rootstocks to turf nurseries for increasing and further testing. It is possible that small amounts may be available for retail markets next year.

Storing tomatoes? Don't cool them

Tomatoes exposed to temperatures below 60 degrees for more than 4 days will not ripen properly. Tests at the University of California, Davis, show that chilled fruits ripen poorly, shrivel badly, and won't keep.

If they are exposed more than 6 days, they probably will never ripen. For this reason, tomatoes gathered for storage in the fall should be picked as soon as possible after night temperatures begin to drop into the 50's.

Even if days are warm, night temperatures in late fall are low enough, in many areas, to affect tomato ripening qualities.

Pyrethrum power boosted

Pest control takes an important step forward with the discovery of the exact chemical formula for sesamolin, a complex substance derived from sesame seed.

Sesamolin is valuable because it steps up the killing power of pyrethrum over 30 times when the two are mixed in equal parts. This is doubly important for home gardeners since pyrethrum is one of the safest insecticides.

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If you're planning a home, or just want a decorative touch, see the ideas in the Home of the Year. We took two from the hundreds that begin on page 63 to show you what you have in store

Translucent drapery panel in entrance sets decorative theme, combines light and privacy. Delicately patterned panel is hung, top and bottom, on brass rods set within casing. Finished size of hemmed panel leaves about 2 inches of glass uncovered all around

Striped inset of gleaming mosaic tiles defines lines of slim fireplace, colors repeat those in room. Sketch shows how tiles are laid on bed of adhesive inside wooden rim. New mosaic tile kits are an easy and inexpensive way for you to achieve the same effect

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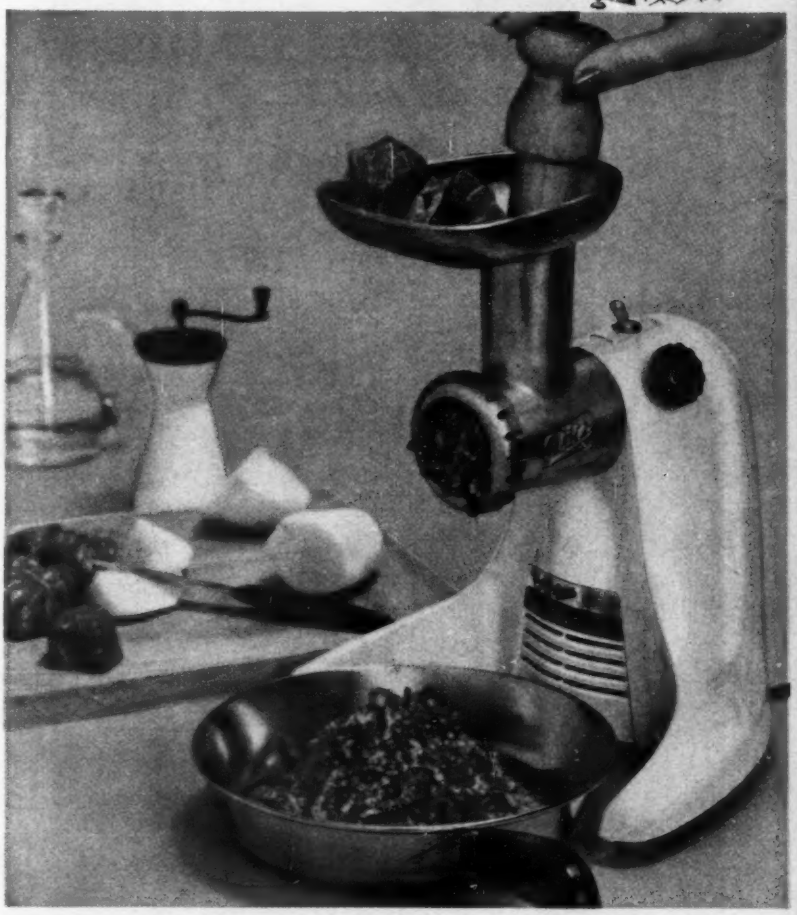

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Built-ins for a small bathroom

Planning a new bathroom or longing to remodel an old one? Save this article as a guide to making best use of space

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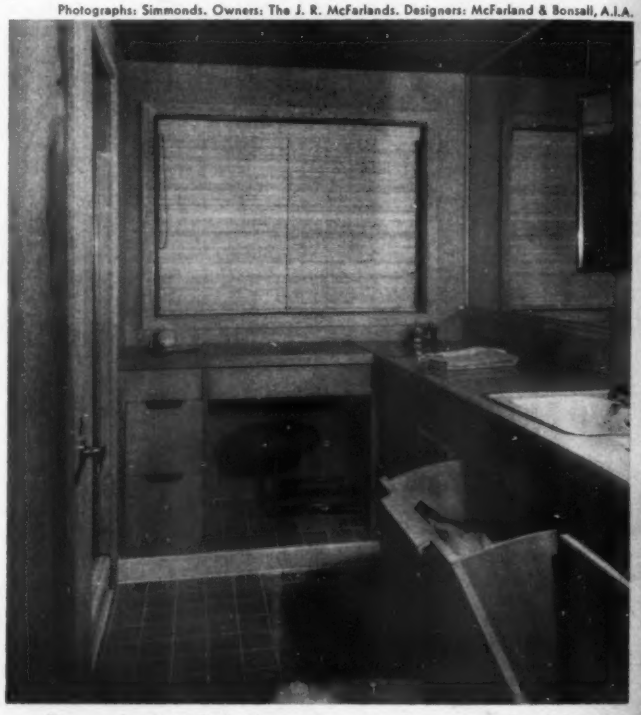
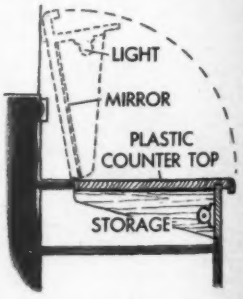


Roomy, laminated plastic counter runs along two walls of this compact corridor bath. Space underneath is big feature. Drawers and cabinets on either side of basin hold towels, washcloths, soap. A swing-out clothes hamper is handily located in room where most soiled items are shed. At far end there's more counter space which . . .

. . . becomes attractive vanity as you lift snug-fitting top. Advantages of dressing room move into bath.

Swivel stool beneath counter swings out when vanity's in use, goes under and out of the way otherwise.

Vanity's easy to build into top of counter



This shows construction of vanity. It has make-up mirror with "theatrical" illumination (fluorescent tube).

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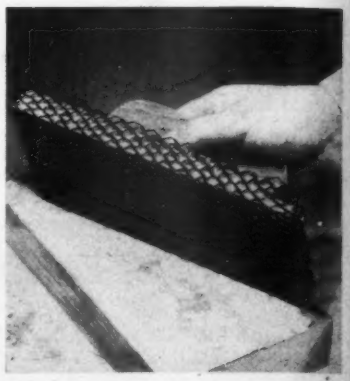

Store wiping rags in mesh bags (for fruit and potatoes) instead of keeping them in paper sacks or stuck away in a workbench drawer.

The rag you need for wiping or clean-up job at hand is easy to spot through the loose mesh openings—you don't have to sort through entire supply to find it.

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Max Wolf
Fresno, California

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Carrying concrete blocks can turn out to be a much easier job when you let a horseshoe—pitching variety—serve as a handle.

If you have to move a large number of blocks from one location to another, this trick is especially helpful.

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A shot that stops aching backs

By Lawrence Galton

The best news yet for backache victims is a remarkably simple new treatment that promises to clear up about 90 percent of all the low back pains in the world—and that's a lot of misery.

If you've twisted your back and have been wondering whether you are injured for life because the pain persists, here finally could be quick and permanent relief.

Even if a lame back has disabled you—partially or completely—the new treatment could be just what's needed to get you on your feet again. It's an injection containing only a vegetable oil plus an anesthetic that goes directly into the weakened ligament that causes the trouble.

No surgery, manipulation, or long-drawn-out therapy is needed. Given right in the doctor's office, with little discomfort, the injection stimulates the body to do its own healing—by growing new fibrous tissue which strengthens the ligament.

Unfortunately, ligaments in the back aren't readily accessible for examination, damage is difficult for the doctor to feel, even X-rays may show nothing. Other structures, notably the spinal discs, have received more attention than the ligaments.

In 1939, Dr. George Stewart Hackett got on their trail. Consulting surgeon to Canton, Ohio's, Mercy Hospital, Dr. Hackett saw how the best doctors often differed in their diagnoses of back pain problems. He knew, too, that their treatments as well as his own were often far from satisfactory.

Looking for a missing piece to the puzzle, he concentrated on ligaments, charting them along the spine and in the pelvis, figuring out the typical pathway of pain for each one, then devising and trying his injection.

His first results were excellent. The shots worked. Later, animal experiments showed why and exactly how. As the vegetable oil sets up a local irritation and the body responds by generating healthy new bone and fibrous tissue, the ligament itself, and the point at which it joins the bone are strengthened. Even a ligament stretched so hard that it has torn away from the bone is rejoined to it by the new growth.

Recently, before both the American Medical Association and the American Academy of General Practice, the nationwide family-doctor's organization, Dr. Hackett reported on results in the first 923 patients.

Ranging up to 88 years of age, they had been disabled on the average for 4½ years—in one case, for 51 years. Eighty-two percent consider themselves cured; many treated as long as 12 years ago have had no trouble since. Currently, with further refinements, the rate of success is running as high as 90 percent.

One patient, a housewife, had suffered pain low in the back for 4 years, severe enough so that even washing dishes made her cringe. Another, a business executive, had had to buckle himself into sacroiliac belts for 20 years to get a little relief. Both were entirely freed of pain. The businessman was playing golf within 3 weeks.

The treatment has worked after spinal surgery has failed and now, happily, is eliminating the need for many operations. [*Turn to page 50*

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A shot that stops aching backs

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A young farmer, unable to do even light work for 2 years after straining his back, was running his farm again within a month after treatment. It brought relief for a husky young hospital orderly who'd injured himself while lifting a heavy patient. He had undergone two unsuccessful back operations. It helped a young mother whose low back pain began just before delivery of her child and continued for 8 months afterward, so sharp that it caused her body to list to one side. While surgeons planned a disc operation and spinal fusion, the injection was given a trial. Three weeks later, she was off on a 1,500-mile auto holiday. In 8 years since, she's had two other children and no backaches.

There are, of course, many possible causes for backache—bone disorders, infections, even diseases hidden deep in the body. But if there's any suspicion that a ligament may be the trouble, the shot immediately provides evidence for or against. When the injection is being fed in, it reproduces or sharpens the typical pain. Then, quickly, as the anesthetic takes effect, the pain is gone. If the reaction follows true to form, there's no mistaking that a damaged or torn ligament is the cause.

Although a damaged ligament is involved in as many as 9 of every 10 cases of low back pain, according to Dr. Hackett's findings, until now it has gone almost totally unsuspected as the source of trouble.

Ligaments, serving as bone connectors, are present in the spine and every joint. They provide flexible support, allowing the bones to move through a normal range of motion, yet holding them so that they don't slip out of place.

Any ligament can be damaged, and a wrenched or torn one is obvious enough in an acutely sprained or strained ankle or shoulder. But, in the back, damage can be subtle and slow. A sudden injury such as a lifting or twisting strain can cause trouble. But so can gradual relaxation and overstretching during pregnancy. Even the long-term stress of poor posture can put one or more ligaments out of good working order.

The injection now has been applied to many other areas in which weakened ligaments may cause trouble. Painful wrists have been eased. So, too, weak ankles that keep "turning."

It's in the aching back, however, that the treatment should have its biggest use—and, it would seem, an ever-increasing one. Back troubles, Dr. Hackett observes, are likely to become even more widespread than they already are since, in this mechanized age, we get little chance to develop ligaments enough so they can withstand occasional severe strains.

The treatment today can be used by any doctor, thanks to Dr. Hackett's new medical book (*Joint Ligament Relaxation*, C. C. Thomas Publisher, Springfield, Illinois) which provides a clear, technical guide.

The injections are safe; not once in 5,000 has there been any complication. Six or more injections may be necessary in some cases; only one or two in others. But the treatment is convenient; the patient need not be hospitalized, can carry on his usual activities.

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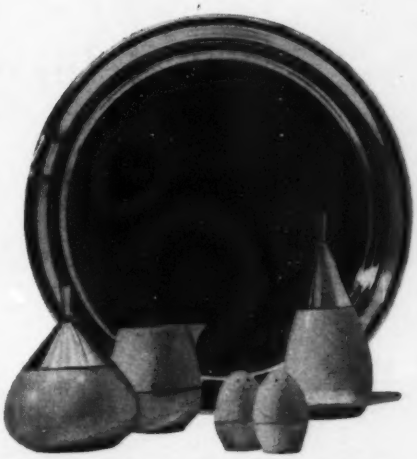
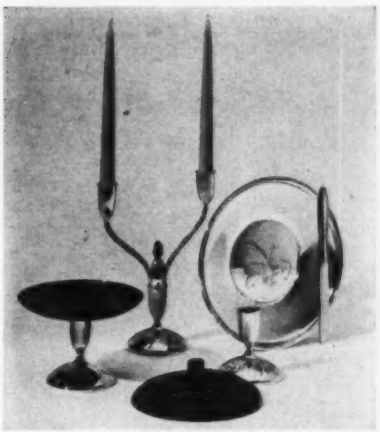


New and exciting are these superb combinations of sterling and fine china. Sugar and creamer, salt and pepper set, and condiment pot are all priced within the average budget.

Tray is black plastic with sterling rim.

Most every homemaker has a real desire to own a sterling-silver coffee service. This lovely one in Louis XIV pattern is particularly beautiful, yet simple enough in its design to harmonize with any china or flatware. We use demitasse cups in Greenwood pattern with Old Master sterling coffee spoons



Fresh, new designing gives versatility to this Celeste pattern sterling ensemble. The candlestick becomes a handsome 7-inch comport or 10-inch candelabra by adding either the plastic bowl or two-pronged arm.

Silver serving plate has endless uses—for cakes, sandwiches, salads, or cards.

This Gramercy Park pattern sterling pitcher with matching sugar and creamer is equally useful for water, coffee, or iced tea. A ceramic butter dish with silver lid or a Swirl pattern sterling salt and pepper set will add personality and beauty to any table

Photographs: Hopkins

This amazing candelabra is a real "find" for the hostess on any occasion.

Used as a single stick or low branch, it gives a touch of quiet charm to the casual or informal table. By adding the three- or five-light arms, it lends an air of elegance to the more formal table.

You will find it a practical and versatile table decoration.

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Out of This Whirl

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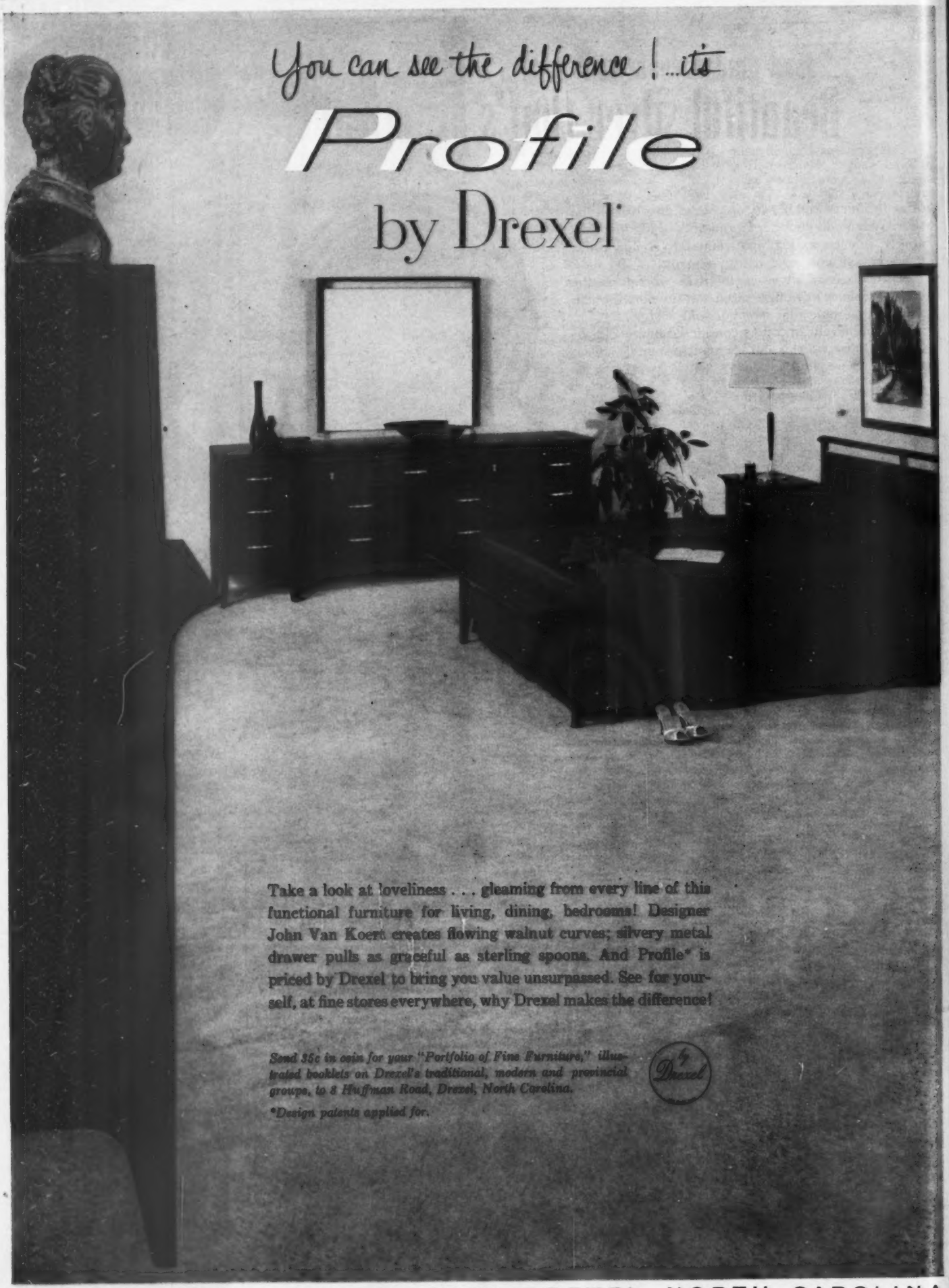

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Beautiful silver that's practical

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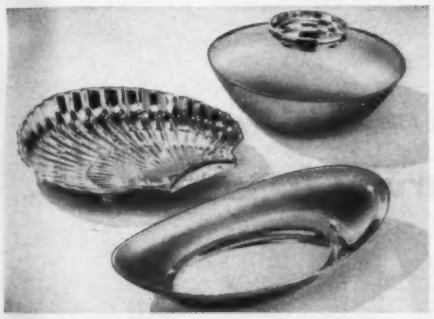
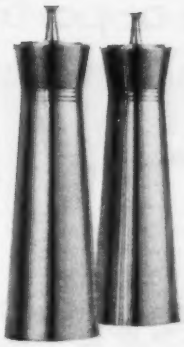
You'll like the interesting new shapes and modern designing of the lovely silverplated holloware in Hi-light pattern.

The four-piece coffee service is remarkably low in price.

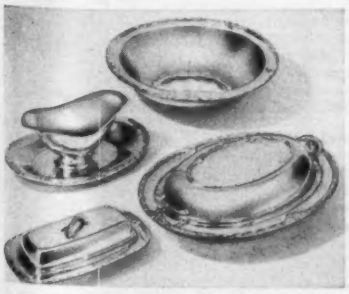


Sterling-silver bowls and trays are equally as practical in the home as they are beautiful. Use them on your coffee or dining table for serving foods or fruits—or as containers for flower arrangements



This sleek pair of salt and pepper shakers is in the famous "700" silverplate pattern. They stand a stately 5½-inches tall and seldom need refilling

This group of attractive, sterling-silver table accessories includes a sugar and creamer set on a 6¼-inch tray, a round dressing or gravy boat in Duchess Chantilly pattern, Strasbourg napkin ring, and a pair of individual salt and pepper shakers

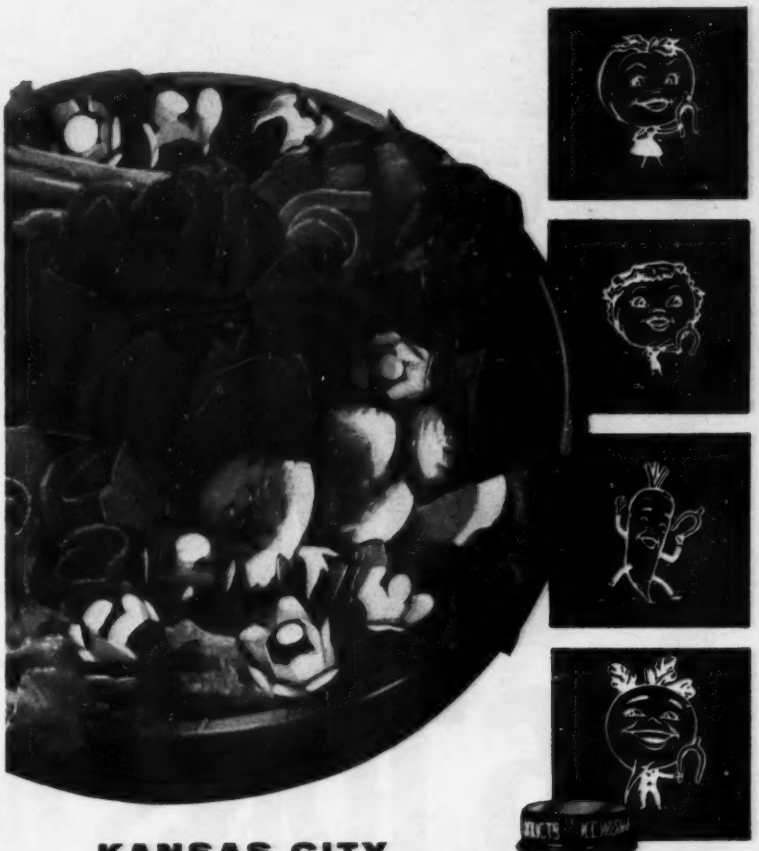


Here are other silverplated serving dishes in the smart, new Hi-light pattern.

The 10½-inch, round bowl is useful in many ways, as is the covered vegetable dish.

The gracefully flared sauce boat (center left) is molded to its tray, and the covered butter dish can be used for serving relishes or mints.

what does a salad wish for?



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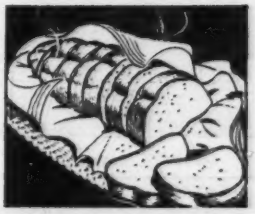

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Miniature bodyguard is a small, compact device containing a siren of ear-splitting proportions, and Mom or Sister can tuck it in purse or pocket for dark-night emergencies. (But don't cry wolf with this; it's really loud!) When the button is pressed, siren wails 40 seconds of warning, can be heard throughout a five-city-block area.

Escort Alarm, $9.95, in stores. Bodyguard, Inc., 220 S. State St., Chicago 4, Ill.

New broom hanger is molded of tough, high-impact plastic. Its three separate rings, rubber reinforced, hold broom and mop handles in vertical position and keep them from falling, slipping, or sliding. When not in use, each of the rings folds back parallel with the wall. Available in four colors: yellow, red, green, or blue.

BroomMaster, 98c in stores, or ppd. from manufacturer. Woodmaster Co., 256 Fourth Ave., S. E., Osseo, Minn.

New ball-point pen is called the Piggy Back, because one refill "rides" atop the other inside the pen. The second point, with a fresh ink supply, can be put into use in a matter of 10 seconds—the length of time needed to reverse the units. Pen is available in four colors: black, charcoal, flame, and aqua.

Capri Piggy Back, $1.95, in stores. The Paper Mate Co., Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill.

The tie that's bound to stay put has finally entered the haberdashery scene. The narrow part of the tie passes through a label-loop, then buttons down to your shirt front, to lie smoothly flat without a tie-clasp. There are three buttonholes, so one will always catch. Come wind or gale, you and your tie will stay together—bandbox neat.

Button Down Tie, Prince Consort and Deauville, $2.50 to $7.50 in stores. A. Schreter & Sons Co. Inc., 16 S. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Smooth-on blackboard is constructed from the same self-adhesive vinyl plastic that you have found so handy in wall covering and table-top coverings. Blackboard measures 23¼x17½ inches, is applied by removing the paper backing and smoothing over any clean, sealed surface. Use it as a shopping reminder, message board, or bait for youngsters with a penchant for writing on the walls.

Con-Tact Blackboard, 98c, in stores. Cohn-Hall-Marx Division, United Merchants & Manufacturers, 40 W. 40th St., New York 17, N.Y.

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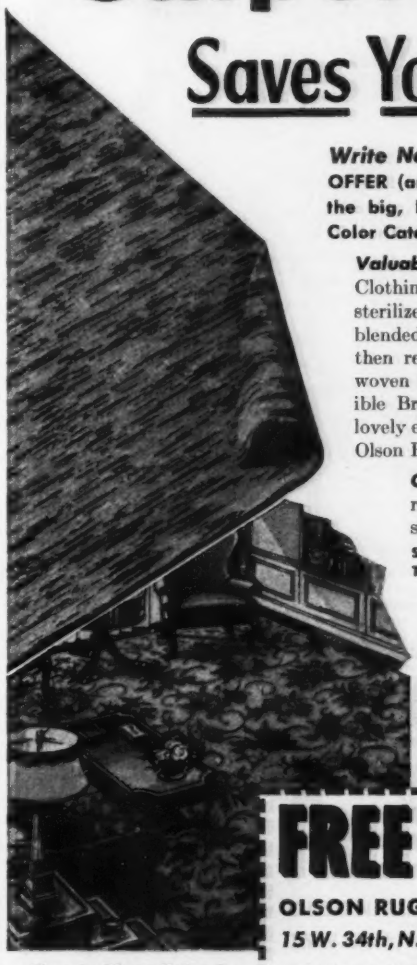

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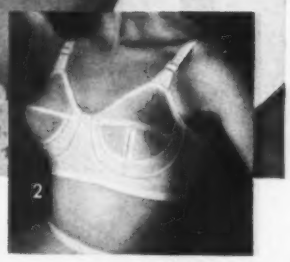

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Slide projector lets you show a series of 30 slides while not actually attending the machine. (You can pace around the room and expound!) You preselect the screen time to be devoted to each slide—from 5 seconds to 1½ minutes—and the machine automatically projects one after another for the desired period. Projector can be stopped at any point, backed up, or operated manually.

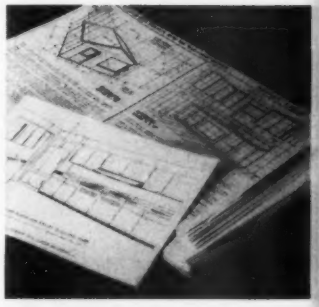
TDC-Robomatic Slide Projector, $139.50, in stores. Bell & Howell Co., 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago 45, Ill.

Bright laundry-chute catcher has a sprightly design that features washday symbols—ironing boards, clothespins, clothes baskets, washtubs, and bright yellow suns. Bag is 29 inches long, will hold a full week's wash, and has a 16x19-inch zipper opening in the bottom.

Laundry Chute Catcher, $2.98, in stores, Chaseline Division of the Chase Bag Co., 302 E. Pittsburgh St., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

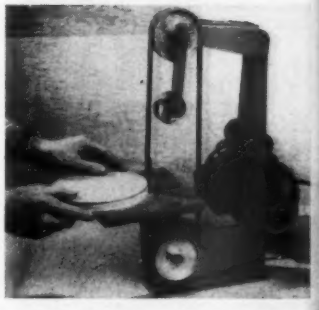
Easy on the knees. Denim apron is designed to be worn with slacks or blue jeans, has knee patches padded with sponge rubber. Mom won't need to be told what a blessing this might be for floor waxing or gardening jobs! Four waistline tabs hold gardening tools or wiping cloths. Apple green or charcoal.

Handy Apron, $2.95, ppd. from mfr. Comfort Producers, Inc., Dept. 94C, Berlin, Wis.



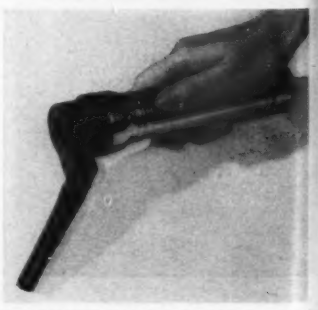
Kit employs the modular, or grid, system to help you plan remodeling jobs or new building projects. Use the five provided charts to draw perspectives of the objects or rooms to be worked on, and work away—confident that your accurate preplanning will produce perfect results. In addition to the charts and instructions, kit contains 30 sheets of tracing paper, 11x17 inches.

Bild-I-Grid, $3, ppd. from mfr. T. Doman & Co., 11 Moss Ave., Highland Park 3, Mich.



Bandsander bridges the gap between the band saw and the final polishing operation on projects of almost any size or shape . . . from large, wooden, lawn ornaments to delicate pieces of costume jewelry. With a coarse abrasive band it eats its way into plastics and wood, and pinch hits, in many instances, for a band saw, jigsaw, or combination disc and belt sander.

Bandsander, $18.95, from mfr. Mead Specialties Co., 4116 N. Knox Ave., Chicago 41, Ill.



Battery-operated bellows provides an easy way to build a fire in quick time—with no blowing, fanning, waiting, or dangerous starting fluids. Shaped and sized like a flashlight, it's handy for hair drying, drying ink or nail polish, applying dusting powders in garden.

Electro-Bellows, $3.95, in stores. Merit Products Co., 3541 E. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

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Have your HIDE-A-BED® sofa exactly as you like it!

Simmons offers the biggest, most beautiful choice of sofa-beds ever! A new custom service, too!

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- *All-steel frame construction*—gives longer life to Hide-A-Bed sofas.

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MODERN HIDE-A-BED sofa in "salt-and-pepper" metallic tweed. Simply styled with smart shelf arms. Also in turquoise, sand beige, pink ice or seafoam green. Full size shown, $279.50. Apartment size, $269.50.

PROVINCIAL HIDE-A-BED sofa shown in hand-screened blue print. It has charming "wings" and a shirred flounce. Also available with box pleats. Full size from $279.50 depending on fabric. Apartment size from $269.50.

TRADITIONAL HIDE-A-BED sofa shown in toast metallic linen. Note the elegantly sculptured arms. Available in many colors and textures! Full size from $299.50 depending on fabric. Apartment size from $289.50.

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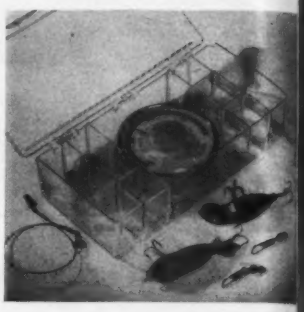
Life jacket has a unique property that turns the wearer over in the water, face up, at a proper flotation angle—even if he is stunned, unconscious, or otherwise unable to swim. Jacket is constructed of non-absorbent plastic foam, completely molded to ensure proper balance of weight for maximum buoyancy. In sizes for infants, children, and adults.

Gentex Life Jacket, $8.95, children's sizes, in stores. General Textile Mills, Inc., 450 7th Ave., New York, N.Y.



A fisherman's barometer predicts the weather, indicates the best possible fishing conditions, and is equipped with several popular spinning lures. There's new proof that fish are hungriest when the atmospheric pressure is highest, so watch the weather . . . you may hook some big ones. This is a particularly attractive unit—one that Dad will keep his anticipatory eye on with regularity.

Barometer with Lures, $11.95, in stores. Taylor Instrument Co., 95 Ames St., Rochester 1, N.Y.

For junior Junior Executives only: a regular-size zipper briefcase that contains all the paraphernalia a sharp young businessman could need: personal stationery, vouchers, purchase orders, invoices, receipts, checks, ball-point pen, and airline schedules—plus many other moneymaking musts. Equip Johnny with this, Mom, and your playroom may well become a regular "front office."

Junior Executive Kit, $2, in stores. Tigrett Industries, 600 Mobile Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

Tot safe, a medicine cabinet with a combination lock, is a grand place to keep dangerous drugs and medicines, because even the most ingenious youngster is no match for the tricky, three-dial combination. Cabinet has shelves, can be easily installed on a wall or on the back of a door. It's white enameled, measures 12¼x16¼ inches.

Tot Safe, $9.95, ppd. from mfr. Tot-Safe Co., Durham, Conn.

Small sifter. So many recipes call for one cup of sifted flour that a sifter designed to handle just that amount has come along. It has a copper-tone finish, steel bowl, aluminum funnel, and a comfortable squeeze-style handle shaped to fit your hand.

One-Cup Sifter, $1, in stores. Washburn Co., Worcester, Mass.

A screwdriver that strips wire is new. It's easy to operate . . . just put wire through the hole in the handle and pull back. Attaching wires to electrical fixtures need no longer be a bothersome chore, because this slick little gadget handles 14- through 20-gauge wire cleanly and efficiently.

Strip-O, under $1, in stores. Wire Stripper Tools, Inc., Glen Head, N.Y.

The IDEA HOME of the Year

By John Normile, A.I.A.

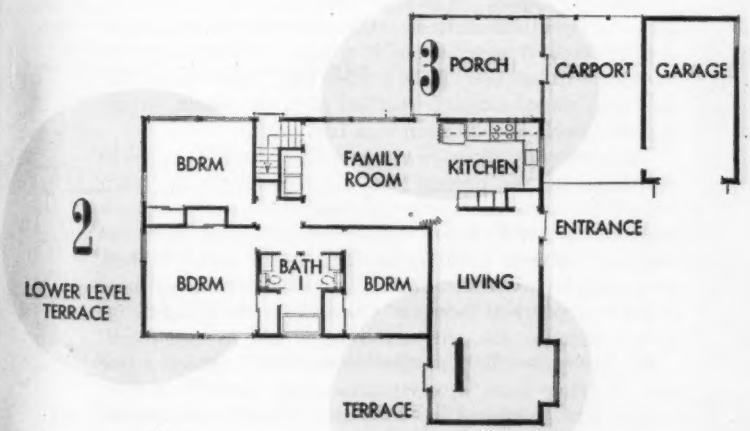
What's the idea behind the Idea Home?

You might say it's the fast-growing offspring of our Five Star Plan service. Five Star Homes are medium priced, two- to four-bedroom houses we sift from an array of architectural achievement and present (along with plans you can buy) each issue.

Your reaction to these homes has given us an amazing insight into the most representative home-hunting audience in existence. Knowledge of your likes and dislikes gave birth to our Idea Home. Now, each year, Better Homes & Gardens, working with an outstanding residential architect, designs one special home.

This effort toward one end: a house filled with things for you, that is truly the Idea Home of the Year.

In a moderate-size house: A new way of planning that is a way of living



As you make your way from the entrance of our Idea Home of the Year, you'll discover three areas of living . . . all well defined in purpose by location and convenience . . . and each enjoying its own companion outdoor living area.

1. *The living room* is distinct from the rest of the house in a wing all its own. This does away with annoying through traffic and allows a wonderful flexibility in furniture arrangement. Out a small side door is this room's almost totally private, fenced-in outdoor living area.

2. *The recreation room*, in the daylight basement, is under the bedroom wing. It's a grand spot for the entire family to enjoy at once. Or it's private enough for adults or youngsters to use separately without disturbing the others. Playroom activity carries outside with its own concrete-slab terrace right at hand.

3. *The family room* can perform on its own, like the living room. But, unlike the living room, it's exposed to *all* areas . . . a focal point of the entire house. It's adjacent to the screen porch and entire back-lawn area so together with kitchen forms a very workable connection with outdoor living.

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Any model house worth its name is more than attractive space to be admired and forgotten. It must be a house you can examine room by room, detail by detail, to take from it anything it expresses in the way of better living for you and your family — this fence detail, that kitchen plan . . . an idea for a family room . . . or, something as simple as a smart, new way to hang draperies.

It is a house for remodelers as well as youthful new planners. It tells you something new about building, decorating, landscaping.

We invite you into the *Better Homes & Gardens* Idea Home of the Year, both through the following pages and a living model of the house itself. Look for the Idea Home of the Year in your area. It is being built in scores of cities across the country.

Ideas in this home of the year capture individual attention, yet all blend well. Fence at left screens terrace exclusive to living room (adjoining wing). Blend of bay, picture-window

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We say our Idea Home is a new way of living . . . a long step away from old methods and materials. But it draws from the past, too—from ideas we think you've always liked. And here they are used again in new ways.

The living room, you'll see, stands in its own wing for total freedom of the parents in their relaxation and entertainment. In this way, it recalls the parlor of another day. The living room's terrace is fenced from the street. In warm weather, this indoor-outdoor unit functions as one.

Entrance, with its dropped ceiling, is an open and modern refinement of the formal reception hall. And it's the buffer between living room and newest room in today's family-planned house: the family room. Here, parents and children come together in the early evening and before meals. And the family room is the only practical space when children are small, when you want them playing within reach.

The most workable idea behind any family room is its relationship to other areas. This family room joins the kitchen to complete its dual function as a supervised play area and family dining space. Still another break for this all-together area: A screened porch, a timeless idea brought up to date by its location off the kitchen and family room. The sheltered, paved carport, reached from the porch, brings another play and relaxation area into use.

The recreation room gives the children an area equal in every way to the parents' domain. Under the bedroom wing, it's an ideal spot to control noise. Here, the youngsters have freedom of the room during daylight hours when the bedroom wing is unoccupied. Teen-agers make it their apartment—part of the house, but below and away from conflicting parental interests. Outdoor living is wonderful for the children, too, with a terrace off this two-story end.

We said earlier that the Idea Home of the Year was a new way of living—and, in every meaningful sense, it is. Few houses, particularly of this size, spell out activity areas so exactingly. But more important, here they really work.

ideas produced this attractive view window. Garage and carport in combination help looks of both and make the house appear to be larger

Entry is easily accessible, but located away from street. Carport carries over to shelter it. Glass panel is balancing rectangle to door, lights entry hall. Change above door from white to blue and to horizontal paneling makes nice companion surface for board-and-batten siding below.

Note interesting treatment of gable end vent. Skylight brightens carport—especially planter outside kitchen window.

Architect: Ralph A. Fournier, Kirkwood, Missouri.
Decorator: Kay Russell, Better Homes & Gardens.
Furnishings: Stix, Baer & Fuller, St. Louis.
Builder: Charles Anderson, Pennant Construction Company, St. Louis.
Model Builder: Raymond Barger Studios, Stamford, Connecticut.
Photographs: Bill Hedrich, Hedrich-Blessing.

IDEA HOME *carries its living beyond the walls of the house*

This view from the back lawn shows the continuous relationship of that area with the screened porch, carport just beyond, and the family room (windows next to screened porch). Doorway at right serves both basement recreation room-workshop and main floor, opening on a landing that's halfway between

Lot drops just enough to allow strip windows along foundation to brighten basement recreation room. (Slight excavation on level lot would achieve same thing.) To right is living room's fenced-in terrace with door leading inside. Roof of light-green shingles plays nicely against outside color scheme

Here's best-rounded plan possible for every variety of family activity

Living room

Formal entertainment area will take all the furniture you need, without crowding. This is because room is off to itself, has no through traffic.

Entry route follows lane of sheet vinyl under dropped ceiling. Bay adds seating space, better view. Isolated location lets you choose furniture with no worry about conflict in other areas.

Family room

This space can be anything you make of it. By location and purpose, it's the most important area of plan: for dining, television, recreation, laundry.

Combined with kitchen, room forms 29x12 rectangle. It works well with living room as entertainment unit, too. (Kitchen can be shut off by sliding curved-track drapery.) Porch, back-lawn terrace, and downstairs playroom are all at hand.

Kitchen

This all-important area boasts most efficient plan possible: U shape. Kitchen couples with family room, when you wish, for serving, watching youngsters, or housework within supervising distance of cooking.

Screened porch has same relationship when it becomes warm-weather dining, play area. Glass toward carport and porch gives feeling of openness and light to kitchen.

Screened porch

Here's the comeback of a family favorite. The new feature of this screened porch is its *location*—around back for privacy, next to kitchen and family room for easy use as outdoor dining or play area. Doors lead to family room and carport.

Carport

Primarily parking, but actually lots more. It's a paved, sheltered play area—just the thing to get youngsters outside on rainy days.

Fine for outdoor cooking, it's next to seating on insect-free screened porch. It draws a cooling breeze to make your outdoor lounging a pleasure.

Bathroom

Key to planning dual bathroom between bedrooms is in achieving largest possible accommodation in smallest possible area. What you have is two complete bathrooms in about space of one.

Two compartments each have lavatory, toilet, storage. Third houses shower-tub, opens to both.

Bedrooms

Parents' bedroom is at end of hall where it has the most privacy, while still having children's rooms and bath nearby. Parents each have closets.

Furniture arrangement makes maximum use of space in three bedrooms: Two beds in girls' room are both across one wall to open up floor space.

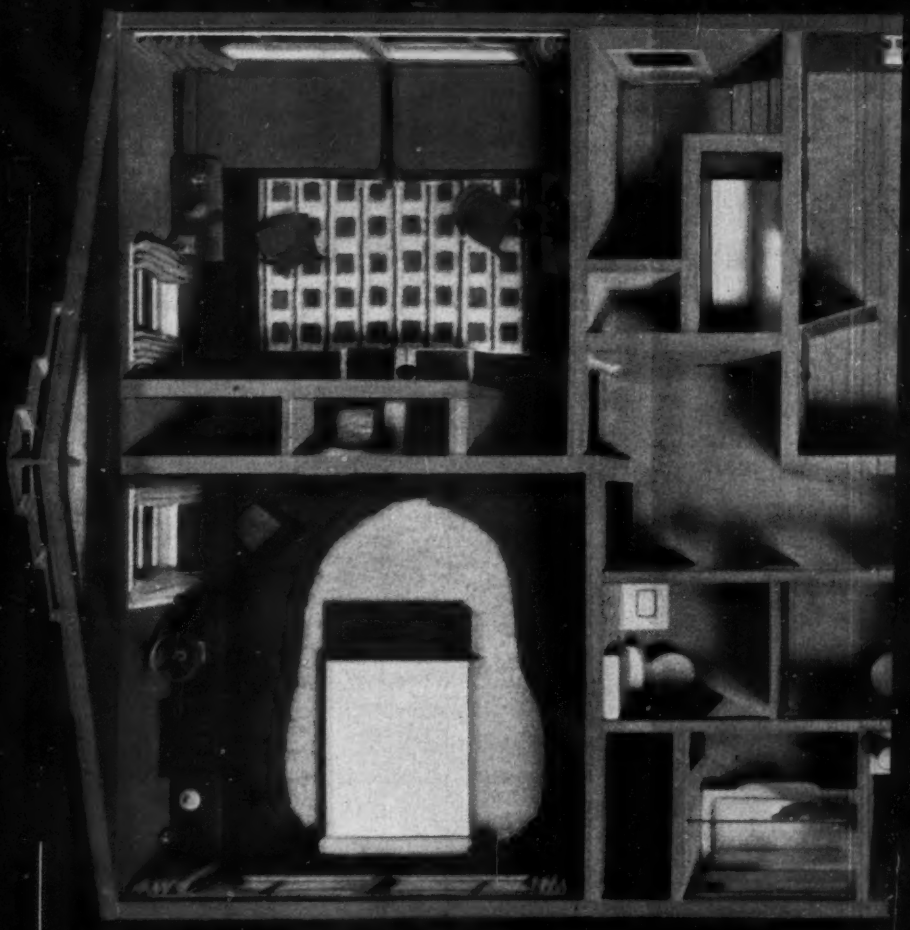
Daylight basement adds livable space under bedroom and family-room wing

Recreation room

Here in daylight basement, children play between indoors and outdoors without disturbing folks elsewhere in house. Outdoor terrace makes this as effective an entertainment unit as those upstairs.

Workshop

Dad, other family hobbyists have 18x24 area with easy access from outdoors, upstairs. Heating-cooling plant, roughed-in plumbing for bathroom adjoin workshop. A storage room's at open end.



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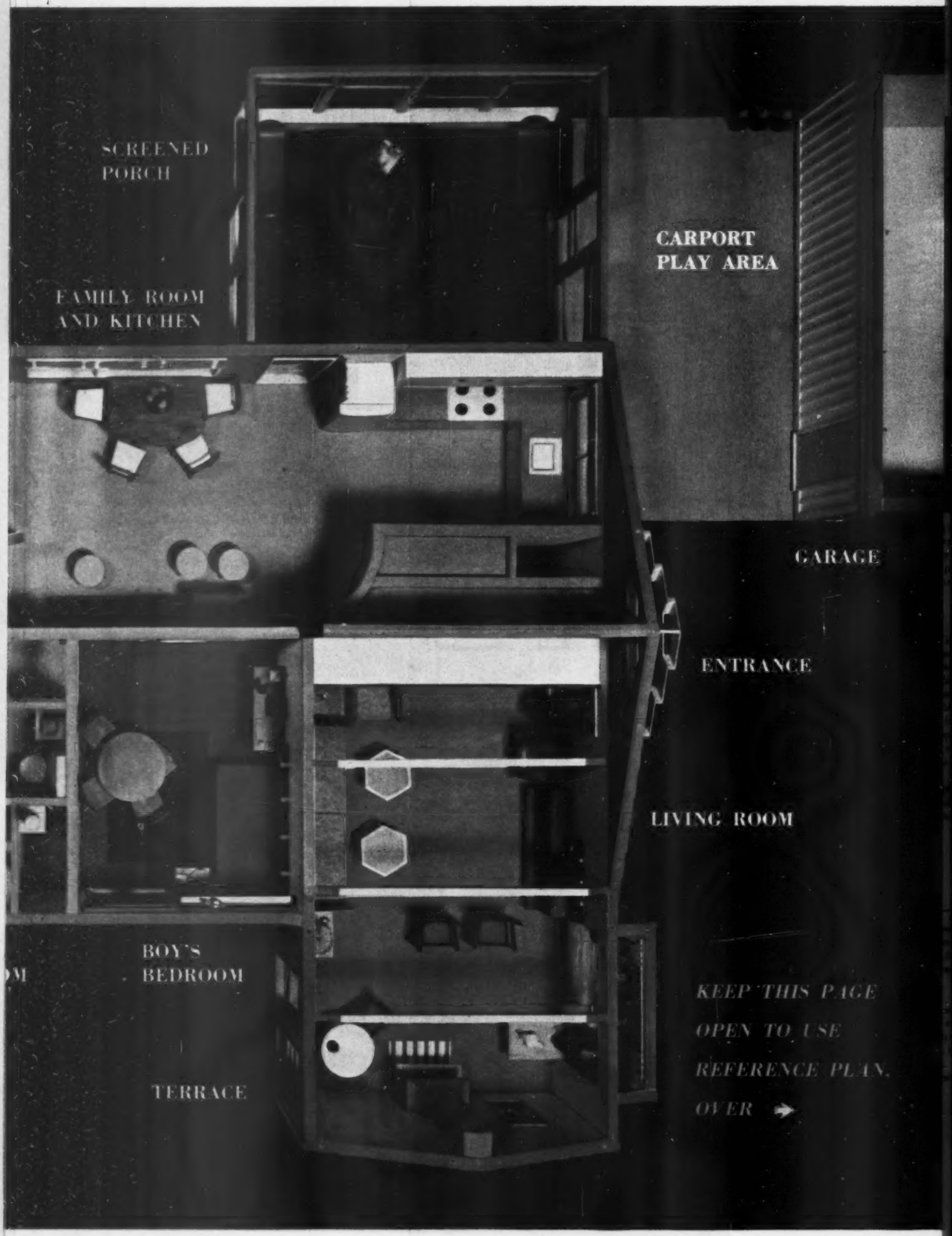

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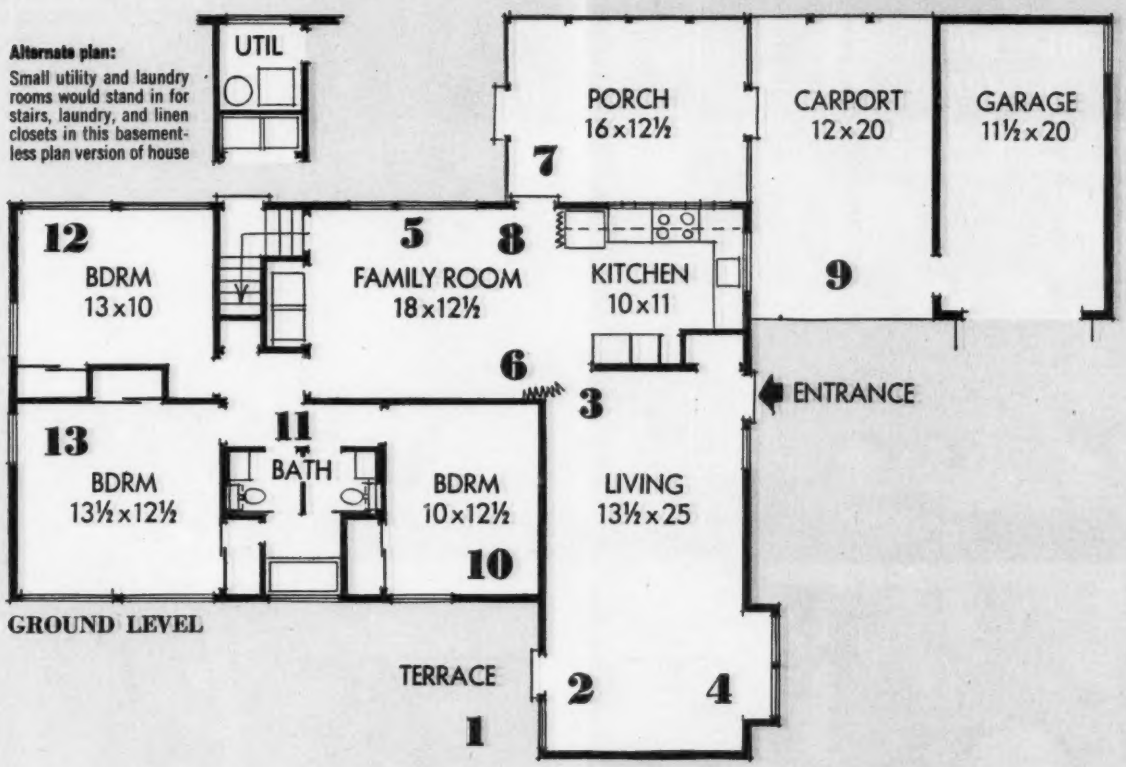

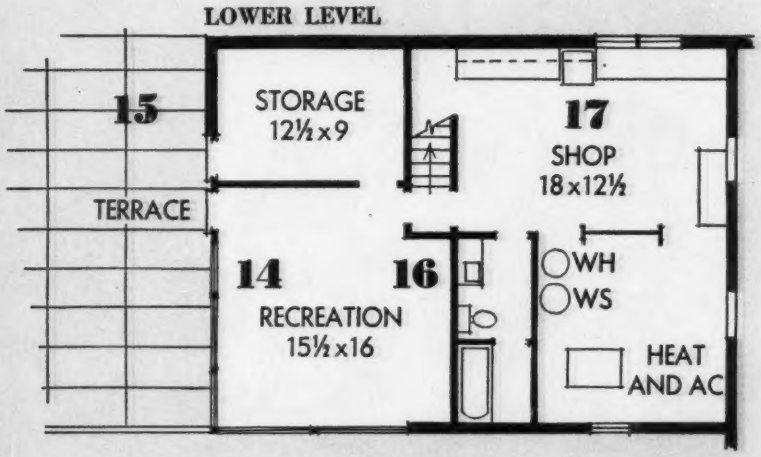

There's no missing the big picture in this year's Idea Home: three delightful areas of living in a house just 1,654 square feet of ground-level space (includes the porch), 910 square feet of daylight basement space. Over-all dimensions that take in screen porch, carport, and garage are 73x49 feet

★★★ IDEA HOME: *vaulted ceiling, low-scale furnishings create spaciousnes*

1 Private family terrace just outside living room gives parents outdoor niche of their own. Screened by plywood-panel fence and low hedge, this grass plot (it could be paved) is fine for family gathering or it can work with living room in warm-weather entertaining. Three-tiered window and glass door admit morning sun to living room, throw light pattern on blue carpet

2 Dramatically different version of open ceiling sets style of living r spacious and individual. Beams, at conventional ceiling height, are p ly left to show. Prefab fireplace is first point of interest as you enter hall. Door is to room's own terrace. Well-lighted corner table is for ga light meals. Carpet and fireplace carry exterior blue of gables and trim i

3 Living room in a wing by itself is own best separation from fam room (background) and other areas house. At same time, room's bounda stop with carpet where vinyl floor handles heavy traffic of entrance ha

Dropped ceiling points the way fr front door to family room, slee wing. Variable light control dials c lights to any degree of illumination.

Important conversation group has excellent background in unbro span of wall—ideal for proportion oversize sofa and frieze.

4 Bay becomes light, decorative s ing area with low benches. Acc sories are placed low to be noticed, the Oriental scroll just off floor. He is mosaic of colored-glass tiles.

Prefabricated fireplace, an econo feature that loses nothing in beauty efficiency, comes in a package ready install. Unit has prefab chimney, quires no reinforcing or foundation.

Furnishings in Idea Home are fr Stix, Baer & Fuller, St. Louis.

★★★★ IDEA HOME *family gathering area is hub of industry and enjoyment*

Few folks look on housework as fun. Yet those inevitable hours change from drabness and routine to cheering efficiency when moved to a pleasant, easy-to-manage spot such as this.

Grouped activities save treks room to room or up and down stairs. Easy convertibility from one room use to another lessens load, too. Modern materials—easy to clean and *keep* clean—are another big boost to housekeeping.

Recreation, TV, formal dining, light snacks, children's play, laundry, food planning-preparation, entertaining are among many family activities taking place in this central location. In warm weather, screen porch plays its part.

5 Large window in family room frames back-lawn terrace for diners, brightens daytime tasks. Louvered doors conceal washer-dryer, other cleaning equipment. Without basement, stairway (door at right), closet can become large utility area

6 Family-room ceiling, floor carry into kitchen. Rooms work together unless separated by sliding drapery. Food preparation is concealed from living room, entry—but you're near for serving, door answering. Sheet vinyl-plastic floor has rich terrazzo look. The work area is accented by bright ceiling, drapery

7 Screened porch gives indoor comfort to outdoor relaxation. This old favorite brought smartly up to date ties with family room, kitchen, carport (see fold-out plan) for complete entertainment unit. Tough fibre carpet is attractive wall-to-wall covering. Wicker and canvas furnishings are comfortable, durable

8 Other side of efficient, U-shaped kitchen shows neat, built-in conveniences, handy planning desk. The small table serves as work surface or can double as eating space for child's snack. Living room and entry hall are just around wall

9 Just outside porch and kitchen, carport plays interesting dual role. Besides car, it accommodates family functions like outdoor cookery, children's play. Plastic skylight brightens kitchen window and planter

★ IDEA HOME *bedrooms let every family member express his special needs*

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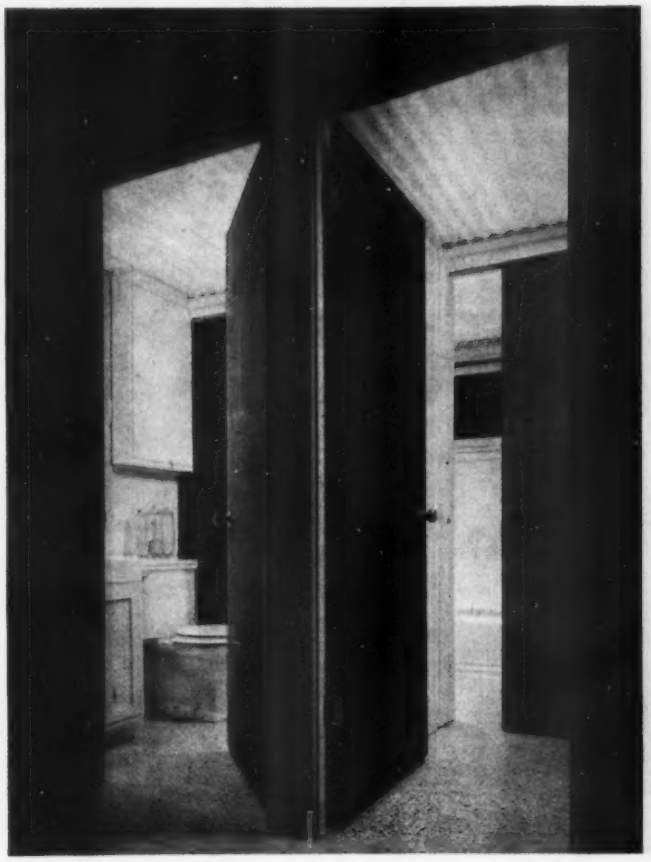

10 Colors and furnishings suit taste, size, and habits of growing boy in this smallest bedroom—though not too small to include boy's own game or study table. Furniture is child-high, fabrics and finishes are sturdy

When it comes to decorating, bedrooms are different from all other rooms in the house. Most rooms reflect (or *should* reflect) the ideas of the whole family. But bedrooms are for individual family members. And with big families, sharing is often necessary where tastes must be skillfully brought in agreement.

Bedrooms on these pages summarize the situations that might arise in any family. The room on the opposite page is tailored to a growing boy. The one at right, however, is for two teen-aged girls. Here, conflicting tastes are resolved in the selection of *pattern* that allows both daughters their color preferences.

Below is the parents' room where Mother usually does the decorating. But the emphasis here, as throughout, is on restful shades and unfrilled simplicity—colors and furnishings that Dad will accept readily.

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11 Unusual color treatment reverses brilliant blue and green in twin spaces of compartmented bathroom. Shower of light illuminates bath through corrugated plastic ceiling panels. The floor is of sheet vinyl plastic

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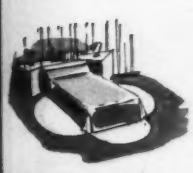
12 Two beds across one wall open space for furniture, storage, hobbies in teen-aged girls' room. Moroccan rug sets color scheme of orange and olive for fabrics, furniture, walls. Valance light hits both study spots



13 Parents' room, between childrens' rooms and bath, has two wardrobes like one pictured. TV is off the floor on closet shelf. **Clover-shaped rug** in sketch is easy to duplicate—have carpet cut shape and size you want.

14 Lower level in Idea Home has little in common with space we usually call a basement. But open-end basement is no trick, not even costly—just calls for a lot that can take some slope, slightly more excavation.

Light-diffusing matchstick blinds reflect play of sunny colors from outdoors and paneled walls. Hopscotch court is built into resilient tiles. Room's furnishings get around: snack tables, TV, record-player are portable.

★★ ★ IDEA HOME *basement is open* ★★ *to breeze, light, and view*

Space in today's house has to count for more. No riddle to this: space simply costs more than it ever has before. *Better Homes & Gardens* introduced the family room years ago as one solution to more value, more use of space that is costing anywhere from $10 to $20 a square foot to build.

Now, we turn to the basement—an area for recreation rooms and workshops, utilities and storage. Many uses, but none entirely satisfactory in the dark, often damp, basement buried in foundation walls below ground.

In the Idea Home of the Year, an old trick is brought up to date: basement foundation walls are exposed to give you a basement entirely daylighted on one side. Here, this space (the least costly of all) is fully as livable as rooms on ground level. And what you gain in living space is more than worth the cost of excavating and grading—even a level lot.

More on page 188

15 Now you're seeing outdoor advantage of daylight basement—recreation room's own terrace (of concrete slabs). Retaining wall gives sense of enclosure to terrace and softens this more severe, steep side of house. You could develop bedrooms in this "basement" if you need extra sleeping space

16 There's division of activities even *within* recreation room. Remove bolsters from sofas and you have two beds. Play and living separate by contrasting tiles, too. Perforated hardboard wall displays family hobbies

17 Give plenty of study to the workshop layout (page 189). It packs a lot of activities into the space. Standard base and wall cabinets offer hundreds of feet of storage and counter. Big tool board rolls right to job at hand

And now visit one of the

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Decorated by: The Four Seasons

Montgomery, 3014 Guymar Road
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Decorated by: Grimes-Hudson Furniture Co.

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Tucson, 6302 Calle de San Alberto
Built by: The Lusk Corporation
Decorated by: Barrows Furniture Company

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith, 1001-60th. Terrace
Built by: W. C. Kesner
Decorated by: Arcade Furniture Store

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Built by: Wood McArthur Co.
Decorated by: Van Lee Decorators

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Burbank, 1201 Providencia Street
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Sacramento, 7350 Center Parkway, Parkway Estates
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Decorated by: Town House Interiors

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Decorated by: Dan Aberle, AID

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Colorado Springs, 1002 Oxford Lane
Built by: modern home builders
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Built by: Joseph Shaffer Company
Decorated by: Ridgell Furniture Company

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Built by: Frank C. Decker
Decorated by: Maas Bros.

Miami, 8870 S. W. 52nd. Street, Sun Valley Estates
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St. Petersburg, 7000-10th. Street North
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Tallahassee, Old St. Augustine Road
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Decorated by: Winn Furniture Co.

Tampa, Berger Road, Round Lake
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Decorated by: Dream Home Furnishings, Inc.

Columbus, Sue Mack Drive
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Decorated by: Morris Decorators and Milton Carroll Furniture, Inc.

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Decorated by: Haverty Furniture Company

IDAHO

Lewiston, West 131-19th Avenue
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ILLINOIS

Moline, 3210-15th Street A
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Naperville, Oswego Road & Thornapple Road, Lawnmeadow Subdivision
Built by: Chas Shiffler Sons
Decorated by: Widder Decorating

Springfield, 2021 Parkview Drive
Built by: Barker-Lubin Co., G. J. Zeigler, Contractor
Decorated by: A. Dirksen & Sons

Wheaton, 710 Arbor Avenue
Built by: Sunset Terrace Building Corporation

INDIANA

Batesville, 7 Second Street
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Built by: W. Richard Moore
Decorated by: Arlington Fabric Shop-Interiors

Kendallvile, Country Club Hills Addition
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Decorated by: Atz Furniture Company

South Bend, 4602 S. Fellows Road
Built by: McCracken Homes
Decorated by: Robertson's

KANSAS

Wichita, 215 Lochinvar
Built by: Ken Stowell
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LOUISIANA

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Decorated by: Nu-Idea Furniture Co.

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Built by: Wm. J. "Pete" Gillespie
Decorated by: Hemenway Furniture Co.

MICHIGAN

Bridgeport, Corner Williamson & W. Southfield, Southfield Village Subdivision
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Built by: Frankel Brothers
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Watch for the local announcement of the opening date in your community. It will vary from city to city.

Visit one of the models of Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2609. You'll find fresh ideas for leisurely new ways to enjoy indoor-outdoor living; stepsaving planning; along with clever decorating tips. Also, you will want to visit the store furnishing the home for further decorating ideas.

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Decorated by: Smith Bridgeman Company

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Built by: Albert-Builders, Inc.
Decorated by: Wurzburg's

Lansing (Okemos), 1547 Hillside Drive
Built by: John W. Mercer, Jr.
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MINNESOTA

Mankato, 206 S. Redwood Drive, Atwood Terrace
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Minneapolis, 34th & Silver Lake Road N. E.
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Moorhead, 2006-9th Street South
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Decorated by: Coleman's Interior Decorators

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Decorated by: Schuneman's, Inc.

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Decorated by: Mehornay's

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MONTANA

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Lincoln, 1840 Twin Ridge Road
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Built by: Cornhusker Homes Co.
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Decorated by: The Fair Store

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Built by: Wade Lupe Construction Co.
Decorated by: W. M. Whitney & Co. (Albany)

NORTH CAROLINA

Winston-Salem, Bethabara Estates
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Decorated by: Dayton Town & Country Furniture Shop, Inc.

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Built by: Sofios Community Homes
Decorated by: Frances Sofios and Perfected

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OKLAHOMA

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Decorated by: Brown-Dunkin Home Store

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Eugene, 193 East Tandy Turn
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Portland, 8710 S. W. Homewood Street
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Built by: Glenn Hamilton, Builder
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PENNSYLVANIA

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Built by: Reg Little, Builder
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Decorated by: Snowden's of Media, Inc.

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Decorated by: King Furniture Co.

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Built by: Holiday Homes
Decorated by: Goldsmith's

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Decorated by: Dodge Furniture Co.

TEXAS

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Built by: D. A. Frank, Jr.
Decorated by: Sanger Bros.

El Paso, 3108 Titanic Drive
Built by: Standard Homes, Inc.
Decorated by: American Furniture Co.

Ft. Worth, 8340 Tucson Trail
Built by: E. E. Cloer, General Contractor, Inc.
Decorated by: Contemporary Interiors

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Built by: Dupes & Ziemer
Decorated by: Joske's

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Built by: Castlecraft Builders
Decorated by: Karotkin's Furniture Co.

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Built by: Dennis Construction Co.
Decorated by: Tanner's

VERMONT

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Built by: Joseph O. Rocheleau
Decorated by: O'Halloran's

VIRGINIA

Norfolk, Shelton Park In Lake Shores
Built by: Lee A. Gifford
Decorated by: W. G. Swartz Company, Inc. and Neal Thomas, Interiors

WASHINGTON

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Built by: Elvin W. Long and Virginia Lee Homes
Decorated by: The Bon Marche

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Decorated by: Kennewick Furniture Co.

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Built by: Miller Construction Co., Inc.
Decorated by: Rhodes Department Store

Wenatchee, 1300 Washington Street
Built by: Dillon Construction Co. and Virginia Lee Homes
Decorated by: Ferguson Furniture & Gift Store

WISCONSIN

Green Bay, 161 Roselawn Blvd.
Built by: Hillcrest Lumber Co.
Decorated by: H. C. Prange Co.

Madison, 5405 Raymond Road, Meadowood
Built by: Jack Emerson
Decorated by: Black Furniture

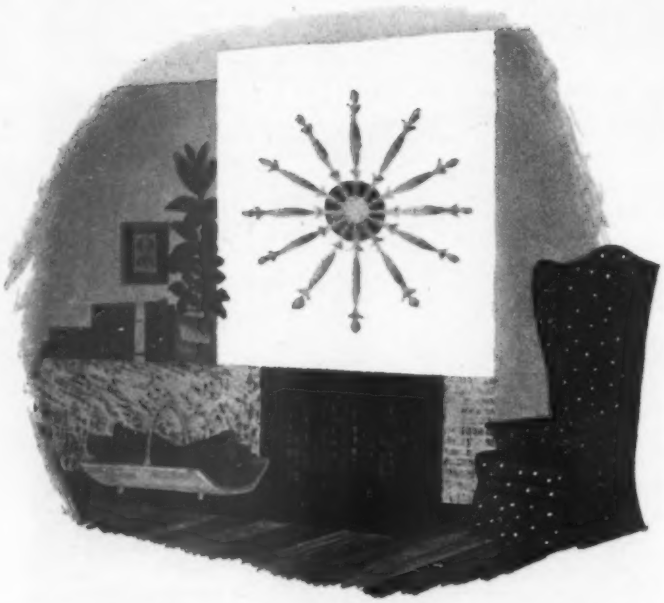
Milwaukee, Glengarry Highlands, Prospect Hill
Built by: Sid Dwyer & Associates

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, 503 Middlebury Drive, Westgrove
Built by: Clarence W. Gosnell, Inc.
Decorated by: The Hecht Company

CANADA

Oshawa, Glenview Avenue, Brookside Acres
Built by: McCullough Construction Company, Limited
Decorated by: Eaton's of Canada



Huge accessories like this sunburst are being displayed on some of the smartest walls. You can put this one together for less than $10, as simply as this: For rays, use turned wooden spindles (the kind you've seen on stairs and beds).

Dip in color stain, then in antique stain. Glue or screw to circular piece of wood. See sunburst instructions on page 166.

Photographs: Dent

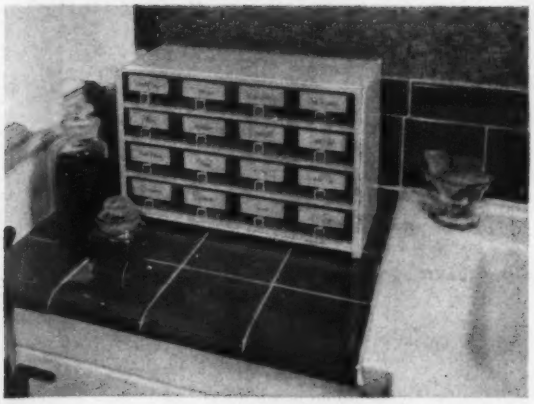
You can make a show place of your hallway, and spend very little time or money (only about $5) in the process, with an old mirror in a size that fits the space.

Refinish frame and, on a pair of brackets below, hang a shelf painted to match the mirror and deep enough to hold one or two favorite accessories, perhaps a plant.

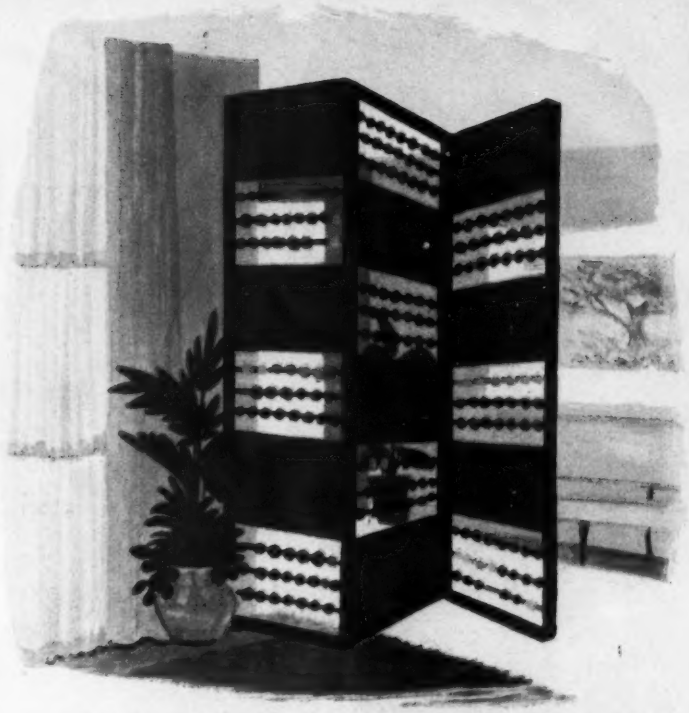
Low-cost ideas for luxury touches

By Murial Hanna Redner and Florence Byerly

Wind bells, an Oriental idea, are inexpensive and easy to do yourself. Tubes are lengths of bamboo. Verticals are hung on linen string, finished bells on fine wire, ceiling hooks. Page 166 tells you how



Cosmetics come to order in a handyman's cabinet, spray-painted to match bedroom or bath. Labels are matching craft paper, plastic-sprayed to protect lettering. Plastic drawers wipe clean



A colorful screen can take its place between rooms, around a corner, or wherever you need a decorative note. This one combines hardboard panels with children's wooden beads strung across open areas. Detailed instructions on page 166 tell you how to make the screen yourself

Branch out next time you paint a metal planter: Try stripes instead of plain color. Masking tape makes it simple. To use bare branches indoors, fill tub with crumpled newspaper, cover surface with marble chips or pea gravel. Painting details on page 166

Transform an old coffee table or make a new one with mosaic tiles, tops in colorful table coverings. You now can get kits of decorative tiles in several color combinations.

The average coffee-table top costs only about $15; complete instructions come with kits. Details about this one on page 166.

What's your big decorating problem? Take it to one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. You'll find the Center nearest you in list on page 238

It might as well be spring!

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

GOOD THINGS AHEAD are always yours, if you're a gardener. Being a long time at it, or very new, doesn't matter. For you there's always a next time, a new season, a fresh beginning.

Even swinging in a hammock can be good gardening—if your mind is on what roses to plant next to your new delphiniums. Or how to plant that driveway bank. You want it to stay good-looking all next summer, but to do it without weekly attention from you.

Or—coming closer—maybe you're right now putting everything into the finishing touches. Even down to how to pack them, so your dahlias get to the show this month and you come home with the blue ribbons.

A real gardener can never be bored. There are too many new things to try, too many new gardening tricks to explore. Among them, this fall . . .

Groundcovers. One of the tidiest and perkiest is the old dependable ajuga or blue bugle in a brand-new dress. Called Magic Carpet, it has the same short spikes of blue flowers but instead of plain green leaves, sports bronzy ones streaked and splashed with cream and red. It likes sun but will get along in partial shade. Really very handsome.

Conversation starter. Also handsome, but amusing, too, is the twisty corylus usually called Harry Lauder's Walking Stick. No branch grows straight, but bends and curves until all who see it smile. Excellent for use as a specimen shrub to rise from a mat of flat groundcover such as Ajuga Magic Carpet, periwinkle, or baby wintercreeper.

Christmas-roses. These have to be thought of ahead of time, but are practically a must if you try for bloom in your garden every month of the year. Actually, they're not roses at all, but good perennials called hellebores. They do well with late summer or early fall planting. Set them in deep, rich, leaf-moldy soil where they'll get shade in the summer but enjoy the winter sun.

Loveliest of lilacs. Late fall is the time for setting new lilacs. Three of the finest varieties are Adelaide Dunbar—a fluffy dark red, Ami Schott—a great blue, and Esther Staley—as fine a pink as a lilac can be. Lilacs need sun and space to stretch their plume-tipped branches.

Late Daylily. Jean—a striking bicolor, brick-red and golden yellow, is doubly valuable because it gives you a late show, a bright finale to the daylily parade. The best time for lifting and dividing daylilies is immediately after each finishes blooming. Give each newly set plant plenty of water until cold weather comes. You can confidently expect to see results next year.

Stately delphiniums—these are Pacific Hybrids—form a regal background in any planting bed—add color and charm with rainbow hues and steeple-like grace. They can be one of the good things ahead for you next spring. Owner: William S. Tallman, Chatham, Mass. →

Photographs: de Gennaro

Are we wasting our money on fads and frills? If you think the price of public education comes high now, wait until the postwar tidal wave of pupils hits the high schools and colleges. All the more reason to ask—

Are we getting our money's worth in our schools?

By William Porter, State University of Iowa

Americans pay more taxes for public education than any other function of government except national defense.

Per capita, every American is paying about $70 this year in taxes for education. A family of four, on this basis, may be paying close to one month's wages out of every 12.

Put it another way: at the going rate, it costs about $4,000 in tax money to send the average American child through the elementary grades and high school, more than $8,000 to send him from kindergarten through 4 years in a tax-supported university.

In some states, each of these figures is much higher. And this, remember, is the public spending, the tax money; the family costs for books and supplies and fees and school clothes are in addition.

We're going to have to pay a lot more, because our bursting junior population is still in the inexpensive stage as far as education is concerned. Everybody knows that elementary enrollment has jumped; from 18,000,000 to 27,000,000 in the past 10 years, which means over 50 percent. Not only do most communities have new schools (and new taxes), but some of them are floating new bond issues to pay for additions to schools which were built only a couple of years ago.

This is the easy part. After all, it's always possible to jam the students in a little tighter and tack on a new room here and there. Everybody studies the same thing, more or less, in elementary and junior high school.

Secondary-school programs are more specialized, college training even more so. It's a lot more expensive to teach young people the industrial arts than it was to teach them reading, and infinitely more expensive to teach medicine. It seems inevitable that the cost spiral will be even tighter and higher than the enrollment spiral. It's time that we took a long, hard look at public education to see if we're spending our taxpayers' money wisely.

There is room for doubt. We do not seem to be getting the things we need most; we have the most elaborate system of mass education in the world, but it does not produce mathematicians, engineers, and scientists to meet the current demand. And there is as much danger in being outmanned in intellectual power as outnumbered in atomic bombs. We have a chronic teacher shortage that grows steadily worse, which means, in its simplest terms, that our educational system is not stimulating and rewarding enough to attract our good, new adults to it.

The goal of public education: to teach

One well-known American, after a few months' service in an organization devoted to improving public schools, growled to his colleagues: "Why don't we burn down every confounded schoolhouse in the country and start all over?" More temperate men are also unhappy with the rambling, patchwork, expensive thing called public education. Mr. Alvin Eurich, vice-president of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, a project of the Ford Foundation, suggested a few months ago that there was a lot of cobwebby thinking among professional educators, and a lot of traditional practices which deserve junking. Since the words, "Ford Foundation," are pronounced in a reverent whisper in educational circles, Mr. Eurich's observations stung.

It should be pointed out that this is not an issue about which only experts are permitted to think. The taxpayer can help, and he can make his wishes known. After all, it's his money.

We can begin, we taxpayers, by thinking straight about *what we're trying to do.* Discussions of this subject are

often bathed in gobbledygook. Newspapers recently carried a story about the goals of education as set forth by a prominent figure in the field, and not one goal involved the phrase, "to teach."

Basically, isn't it education's aim to teach certain basic information and basic skills, and how to put the two together? Isn't the school, from kindergarten to Ph.D., still primarily a place to *learn*—and in a rather narrow sense of the word?

Since the end of the first world war, there has been a lot of pressure to make the schools do something else.

For example: almost every teacher in the public schools has at some time been confronted by an angry parent saying something like, "Why can't you discipline that boy of mine? He's a 'hellion'—what do we pay you for, anyhow?" Somehow, the schools are expected to cure "juvenile delinquency"; they must teach domestic obedience, respect to elders, proper use of the knife and fork, and rock-hard virtue beginning at puberty. They are to do this in about 30 hours a week; the fact that the youngsters are in their parents' charge for the other 138 hours apparently is disregarded.

How much for gymnasiums?

Educators frequently compound this error by implying that they can, indeed, assume responsibility for the whole business of character, personality, and bodily development—especially if they have just a little more money. This comes dangerously close to dishonesty. Dishonest or not, it becomes infuriating when a discussion with Sam's second-grade teacher takes place in a haze of pseudo-scientific language which implies that the parent can't understand Sam because he doesn't even know what "social integration" is. Even if the teacher does, it's a certainty that she can't change Sams psyche much in 30 hours a week, especially since she has 40 other psyches to tinker with at the same time. It's wasteful and possibly harmful for her to try.

Some of the other pressures which have mushroomed the size and cost of our educational system are simpler, but equally illogical. There is, for example, the myth of physical education in the schools as a means of turning out a healthier and stronger America. The average young American all but lives in automobiles. His favorite forms of entertainment are television, movies, and records—all sedentary. And even the most ingenious parent today has trouble finding physical "chores" for his children.

In the face of this, it is not surprising that draft examinations turn up a large number of young Americans who are not physically fit. The thing that's surprising is that we can beguile ourselves into thinking that three or five hours a week of something called "gym" or "phys-ed" can solve the problem. Yet the shiny, half-moon top of the school gymnasium is one of the most familiar features of the U. S. scene, and in almost every university students take swimming or bowling or golf for credit toward graduation.

The honest physical-education specialists admit that they cannot do the whole job, and justify their work on the ground that it stimulates interests which will develop further. We've been doing this for decades, however, and we have grown steadily flabbier all the time.

Professional groups bring another kind of pressure to bear toward expansion of the irrelevant and unnecessary in modern education. This can begin at the high-school level—industrial towns for example, whose school boards insist that high schoolers be trained for entrance into local jobs—but it is generally most apparent in higher education, at the college level.

Better education, less cost

Today, tax-supported state colleges and universities offer professional training in a fantastic variety of specialties. You can learn to be a mortician, an industrial editor, a hotelkeeper, or a hundred other things—and learn them very well, too. But it's like using a mink coat to cover the car radiator on a cold night. People on both the inside and the outside of education, from Robert Hutchins to Albert Lynn, have railed against this over-specialization, but with little effect.

There are some professions which require college training—doctors and lawyers and biochemists and dentists and home economists, to name a few. But make no mistake about it: *every citizen trained in a state-supported institution for a profession which does not require college training costs every taxpayer in the state extra money.*

We must run a continuous review of all our school programs to make certain they are genuinely devoted to learning. This doesn't mean [*Turn to next page*

"stripped down" or "minimum" education. On the contrary, it means freeing the schools for their proper job, the job which they do best.

The other question which we must ask ourselves, after deciding what we really want—and can afford—to teach, is also obvious: *how can we do it more efficiently?*

Let's start the way any builder would start: by having a careful look at our tools. Are there ways and means which make instruction process cheaper and, at the same time, better?

Of course there are, and some of them have been with us for several decades without getting proper attention. Audio-visual materials—motion pictures, strip films, recordings—have been proved repeatedly to be good teaching devices, but it's a rare school system which really makes full use of them. An official of the National Education Association's Department of Audio-Visual Instruction recently pointed out in despairing tones that multi-million-dollar high schools are still being built without any provision for such equipment. In light of already proven techniques, this is something like leaving out plans for running water.

Good films and recordings free the teacher from some of his most demanding work outside the classroom—part of the work of preparation. They dramatize and make graphic things which no amount of lecturing can cover. Used wisely, they are moneysavers.

Closed-circuit television promises to be among the great mechanical aids. Warning signals are up from the traditionalists: this thing is dubious because it is a "gadget." But an impressive lot of research evidence is accumulating which indicates that many kinds of subject matter can be learned effectively from the television screen. This fall several universities will have closed-circuit classrooms as a part of their regular teaching programs, and general audience telecasts, with public participation for college credit, have been working well for years. There also has been successful use of television as a means of supplemental instruction in elementary schools—ranging all the way from the inauguration of President Eisenhower to lessons in clay modeling. One of the first closed-circuit television projects for elementary and high school education was dedicated this summer at Hagerstown, Maryland, where eight city schools were linked in a five-year pilot study. With equipment "on loan" from the television industry, one teacher is able to teach a half-dozen classes scattered throughout a building or the city. Not only does this reduce the cost per pupil, but, more importantly, it can make a great teacher available to many more students.

Shall we build for the ages?

The education plant is a different kind of tool, but a tool nevertheless. Like courses of study, school building design is subject to faddism, and fads tend to be wasteful. There must be more experimentation, throughout our educational system, in new materials and cheaper methods of construction. Is there any reason, for example, why an education plant has to be built for a hundred years? Might it not make more sense, in some cases, to build short-term, temporary buildings designed for scrapping after a decade or two?

On the campus of the university at which this writer teaches is an ancient hulk built originally as an armory. It then became a men's gymnasium. Later it became a branch of the library (with the remarkable distinction of being the only library in the world with an eighth-mile running track in it). It has never been satisfactory as anything except an armory. Unfortunately, however, it *was* built for the ages and it still has a long career ahead of it as the campus eyesore.

Right across the street from it is a fine example of what can be done with good sense: a new library of modular design. Only the outer shell and a few interior walls are fixed; everything else is flexible. Most walls can be moved, whole floors completely rearranged with a minimum of trouble. This is a building which can be changed into almost anything as the school's needs shift. It might even make a pretty good armory.

Teachers are going (other) places!

The hodgepodge development of much physical planning in education does not mean that we are totally unaware of the importance of facilities. Sometimes we are overaware, and permit ourselves to be muscle-bound by a fancied lack.

There has been discussion of the report that the Soviet Union is outstripping us in the production of scientists and engineers. There is a variety of reasons why this

might be so. One of the most important, it is generally agreed, is the disappearance of courses in physics and chemistry from the American high school. At a recent Midwestern meeting of high-school educators one of the factors commonly mentioned in the lamentation was that the "average" high school can't afford the laboratories necessary to teach these courses.

This is nonsense. Any competent scientist will testify that a cracking-good beginning course in physics or chemistry can be taught with $50 worth of equipment—and it's the first course that establishes the interest that eventually makes a scientist. It's the teacher who makes the difference, and a fraction of the $25,000 that it would take to give Jones High an elaborate chemistry lab, would attract a top-rate science teacher if it were added to the present salary for that position.

Keeping teacher salaries down is false economy—as senseless as overspending.

The laws of economics are inexorable. We will either pay our teachers well, or abandon our schools to the hands of incompetents, because today's teachers have some place else to go. This is already visible in the fact that professors in medical schools may make salaries up to $50,000 a year, and that professors of law will make 30 to 40 percent more than their colleagues in mathematics on the same campus. Higher education recognizes that it must meet, at least to some extent, the competition posed by the potential income of these men in private practice.

And now industry is discovering that some teachers of mathematics make fine production men, that good high-school science teachers make excellent researchers, that professors of psychology make corporation presidents. Industry is learning that the lively, broadly educated mind is sometimes a better investment than a plugger with a gloss of "professional training." A solid knowledge of such theoretical material as economics may make an ex-teacher into a chairman of the board, while professional training in accounting generally makes, at best, a chief accountant.

Let's all be citizens

After we decide what we want our educational system to do, after we attempt to find the way to do it most efficiently, there is a final thing: we must keep in touch with the people who do the educating. Nothing could be more obvious than the fact that public education is public business, but both educators and the bill payer seem to have forgotten the fact.

We have suffered from a long-time lethargy of general interest in educational problems. Such organizations as the recently disbanded National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools have done a heroic job of trying to stir up interest, but much remains to be done. This may be the silver lining in the gloomy cloud of increased costs: when the school tax bill gets high enough, maybe we'll get interested.

How can the individual do something about education? In the first place, he can discharge his fundamental obligation as a citizen. There are hundreds of school elections every year in which less than 15 percent of the eligible voters bother to cast a ballot. Secondly, during the time that his children are in school, he can participate in those activities which are designed to inform him about what's going on in the classrooms which his child attends. This means the Parent-Teachers Association in particular, along with other activities specifically designed to keep him informed—and to get his opinion.

In many communities, he can also belong to a citizen's group which is working to improve public education. These organizations, which largely grew out of the work of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, have a variety of names, and their organizations vary somewhat in function. But all of them are concerned with the problems which are most vital to that particular community; this is their reason for existence. Most major cities in the country have a citizen's group, and many small ones do also. You probably can find out about your community by checking with the school board.

Educators must help, too

If there is no citizen's group in your town, you can get information about how to organize one by writing to the National Citizens Council for Better Schools, at 9 East 40th Street, New York 16, N. Y. This organization is the successor to the National Citizens Commission, and through it you can find out how other groups operate.

For their part, the educators must also remember that they are engaged in public business. They have grown used to being left alone. Citizens' groups are often viewed with hostility and alarm. Questions about purposes and methods are dismissed in a tone of "You really don't know enough to understand what we're doing and, besides, you're just persecuting us." Attempts at shaking up traditional methods on higher education draw indignant shouts of "anti-intellectualism." There are, indeed, pressure groups and elements of the lunatic fringe which are trying to damage our schools—but honest cooperation between open-minded educators and a conscientious public can defeat them.

The word "conscientious" is important. In trying to get a better kind of education in his community, each of us must approach its problems with an open mind and in good faith. Private axes must be taken elsewhere for grinding, and every citizen must make an effort to become informed.

Keep informed on what's going on in education in your community; read the newspapers, particularly the editorial pages. Attend school-board meetings; most of them are open to the public (if they're not, find out why). Make it a point of knowing your children's teachers and their bosses; keep in touch, and help where you can.

We can make what is already the world's best mass educational system into something even better—and more of a bargain.

Join in our vegetable jamboree

STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS, and hear our little garden "people" sing the praises of the harvest and these super fix-ups. This is the lush season when vegetables cost the least and taste the best. Go easy on that cooking water —why drown flavor, vitamins, minerals? Cooked vegetables are downright delicious drenched with butter—but bake, broil, or fry them, too. Remember the merits of a dash of herbs, an expertly seasoned sauce. And our onion doll says her soup is worth a tear or two. Try all the garden-row treats in the picture.

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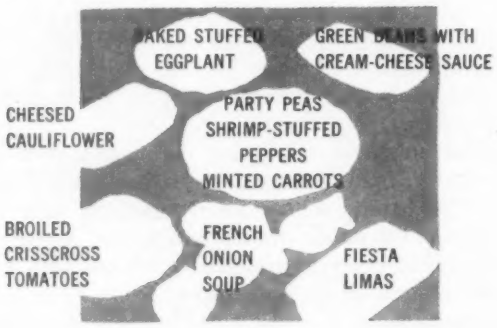
Here's what the jamboree's about!



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Accessories by Fae Huttenlocher

Frank-ly fancy!

By Myrna Johnston

Yes, these franks are dolled up in banquet dress to make a grand entrance at your porch or patio suppers.

Of course, wieners always bring happy whoops from the kids, but *these* are delicious and special enough to rate applause from grownups, too. Take the Red Hots en Kabob on the parsley-lined tray. Cuts of wiener are scored, then threaded on skewers along with chunky garden vegetables and bacon-wrapped pineapple. The kabobs are well seasoned with Soy-sauce Marinade, broiled till bacon is just crispy. Serve two all around. [*Turn to page 131*

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Refreshing fruit salads

Patio plate—a showy cool-off

Circle Tuna Mousse* with pineapple, cherries, peach and plum atop honeydew, Frosted Grapes*, potato chips. Serve with Iced Tea*

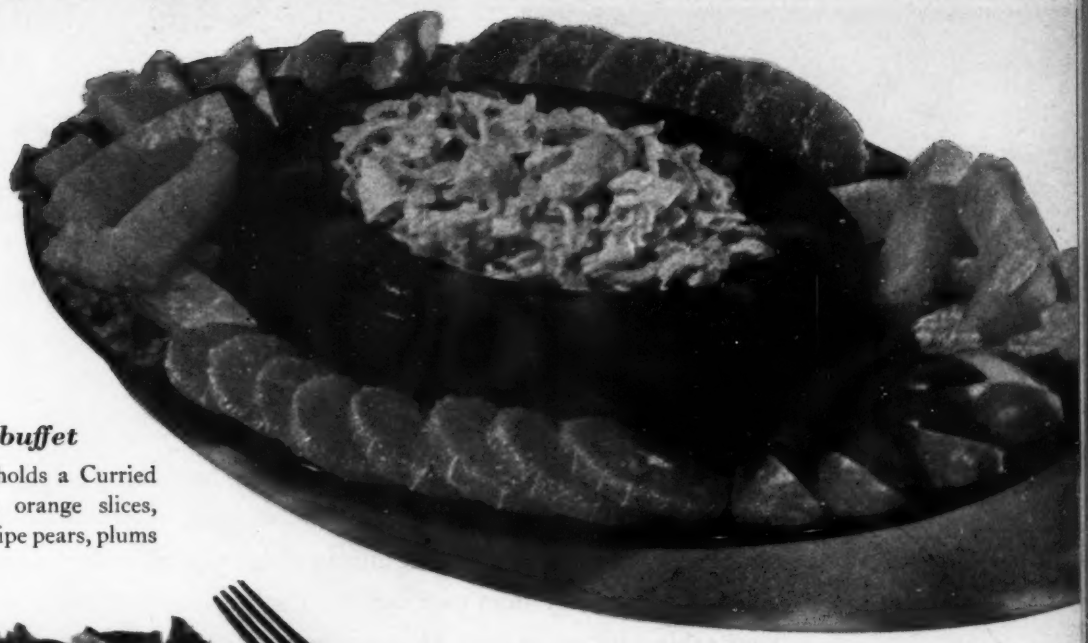
"Come for supper and bridge"

Plate mates for the Salad Sandwich Bar*: cantaloupe balls in honeydew, peaches, cherries, nectarine, prune-plum, grapes

Hearty sun-deck salad platter

Banana Ham Rolls* center chop plate. Melon wedges fan out at ends. Side trim: Deviled Eggs*, pineapple cubes

By June Horne



Merry-go-round chicken buffet

Black-cherry Melon Ring* holds a Curried Chicken Salad*. Go-withs: orange slices, wedges of pineapple, cuts of ripe pears, plums

Shore luncheon at home!

Shrimp Salad Special* with lemon, ripe olives, green onions, tomato-cucumber duo, cantaloupe balls, pear half, blueberries, crisp crackers

Dutch sandwich plate. Good!

Three open sandwiches, Potato Salad Cup*, watermelon, coleslaw, strawberries. Pass Limeade*

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There's new beauty in . . .

Plastic dinnerware

By Fae Huttenlocher

DINNERWARES molded of melamine (the best of all plasticware) need no longer be relegated to the picnic basket. Plastic dinnerware is taking on a new look these days; you'll find that it's stronger, lighter in weight, more smartly styled, newer in design, and fresher in color than ever before. You'll enjoy the opportunity it gives you to set your table with originality. Here are but a few of the striking new melamine patterns

Whether you prefer soft, pastel shades or strong black, lime, green, and persimmon colors inspired by the Orient, you are sure to find molded melamine-ware to suit your liking and to fit your color scheme.

The gold-flecked plastic place mat we've used with this colorful ensemble is impregnated with green leaves.

This exciting line of sturdy—but light in weight—molded dinnerware offers a large selection of brilliant patterns and colors. The abstract design on this one, called Fantasy, sets a mood of sparkling sunshine and pleasure.

Smart complements are the footed tumblers which combine milk glass with crystal, and the porcelain-handled flatware.

Resistance to breakage and chipping of molded ware makes it ideal for the young crew. This jolly design (melted right into the dishwasherproof plastic) will excite morning appetites. Sterling-silver flatware is Royal Danish pattern, tot size

For porch or terrace dining, melamine dinnerware is just as right as it is practical. This set, with salad bowls, serving dishes, and oval-shaped platter plates, will serve a complete meal. The Today pattern stainless-steel flatware is a perfect accompaniment with it

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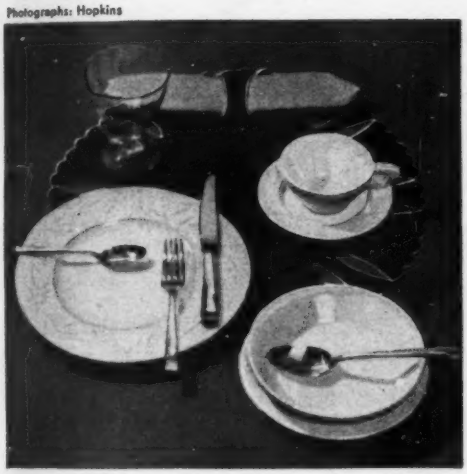

A new and beautiful innovation in molded dinnerware is the embossed design which makes possible some very pleasing surface effects. Notice here how handsomely Proposal pattern plated silverware blends in richness

Slim, plastic rods woven with red plasticized thread make a stunning background mat for this red and black molded dinnerware. Carving set has ivory plastic handles, and the stainless-steel flatware is Meistersinger

The new, thinly molded melamine dinnerware sets are as much at home on the "dressed-up" table as they are on more casual occasions. The turquoise pattern we show here has a gold-flecked finish that is smart with the Rubigold goblets and the golden Regal pattern flatware. A centerpiece of brilliantly colored autumn flowers and gleaming candles adds beauty to the setting

Adjustable rolling counter scoots down to become an ideal table for Junior's lunch. Freewheeling casters lock in place so "luncheon table" doesn't budge. You will find many uses for this helper in the kitchen

Up-a-daisy or down she goes! Counter telescopes anywhere from 27½ to 37½ inches, gives custom work height for tall girl or short. Use it as bonus working surface. To adjust, turn crank on the underside of top

Help-yourself buffet is easy with this rolling counter. With it up to full height, you can set buffet in kitchen where you prepare meal; then wheel all out to dining area or terrace. Top is big 24x36 inches. It's made of hard-wearing stainless steel, resists hot platters, dishes

Wishowski

Here's equipment with double purpose

By Anne Anderson

Multiple use is a current appliance trend to help you save kitchen storage space, give you more working mileage for your money

First it's an electric mixer, now it's a blender! Using the same motor, too.

"Conversion" is quick as a wink. Just remove bowl, beaters, revolving base; then insert spindle of blender attachment into shaft, and blender is ready "to go to town."

Photographs: Nelson, Photography, Inc.

Electric meat grinder joins parade of new appliances for home use. It's dandy for all kinds of grinding, those "special" recipes.

Grinder sports fine and coarse blades, no-clamp sturdy base, large feed platform, wood pusher to let you do job like a pro.

Presto! Grinder switches into electric ice crusher! It turns out nine sizes ice—fine to coarse. Crusher is an attachment that uses grinder's motor. It's easy to detach.

Now you can go glamorous with crushed ice—for shrimp or fruit, tall, cool drinks.

Moneysaving thermostatic control is cooking "master" for two appliances—griddle at left, fry pan on right. Plug control into either "appliance," set, and you have automatic cooking. Electric control detaches so utensils may go underwater for short soak, washing. There are no electric controls in utensils

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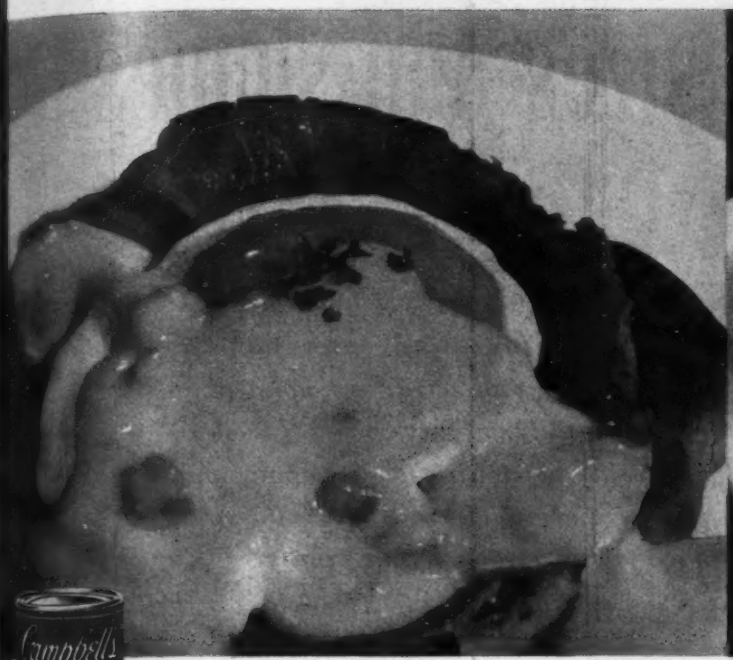
4 ways to make eggs extra-special!

Here's wonderful new light-lunch news! Exciting brunch news! Delicious Sunday-supper news! *Eggs* as a main course—all spruced up with lively new flavor! Four nourishing main dishes you can make in minutes with Campbell's good soups. Four dishes that start with Mushroom, Chicken, Vegetable, or Celery Soup—four wonderful ways to make *eggs* taste like something new and different. That's the cooking goodness of soup! Goodness you can use to make eggs extra-special!



EGGS BENEDICT. Smooth and rich and easy as you please! Just fry 6 thin slices of ham and place on 6 slices buttered toast. Top each with a poached egg. Heat 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup with ⅓ cup milk; pour over eggs. Sprinkle on a little minced parsley. 6 servings. Your velvety-smooth Campbell's Soup sauce adds extra flavor and nourishment.

EGGS FLORENTINE. An easy specialty. Line bottom of shallow baking pan with 2 cups chopped cooked spinach. Break 6 eggs and place each on spinach. Heat together 1 can Cream of Celery Soup and 1 cup shredded process cheese; pour around eggs. Sprinkle with ½ cup shredded cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. 6 servings.

SCRAMBLED EGGS. Here's a skillet supper with a lot of goodness, and very little fixing. Melt 2 tbsp. shortening in a skillet. Pour in a mixture of 8 beaten eggs, 1 can Vegetable Soup, ¼ tsp. salt, dash of black pepper. 6 servings. Cook slowly until eggs are set, stirring frequently. Vegetable Soup adds the flavor and nourishment from 15 vegetables.

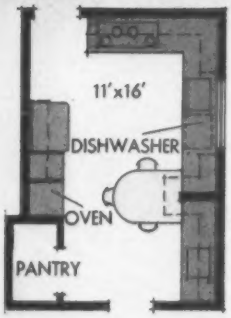
5-MINUTE CREAMED EGGS. Heat 1 can Cream of Chicken Soup and ¼ cup milk. Add 4 sliced hard-cooked eggs. Serve hot over crisp, buttered toast or cooked rice. Garnish with sliced, stuffed olives. Like oriental flavor? Simmer ⅓ cup seedless raisins in ¼ cup water for 5 minutes. Add 1 tsp. curry powder and raisins to Creamed Eggs. 4 servings.

Good cooks cook with *Campbell's Soup*

Kitchen eating areas— all sizes and shapes

Photograph: Nowell Ward. Designer: H. G. Moore, I.D.I. Owner: H. D. Lindstrom

SAVE STEPS, time, and work with a place to eat in the kitchen. This eating center can be a multipurpose help, as an extra work counter, desk, buffet, or family activity corner. Check ideas for a dining place with lots of elbowroom or just a bit of space. Pick the pattern for your eating place to suit needs of your family.



Curved divider **makes this handsome table for a trio of eaters; takes over job of former wall that separated pantry and kitchen work area.**

When remodeling, you may wish to consider removing a wall to make room for an eating section, too.

Peninsula is 30 inches high. Electric outlet for small appliances is at right. Remove the dishes and you have a desk or bonus counter space to use!

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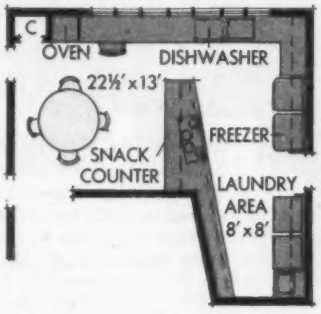
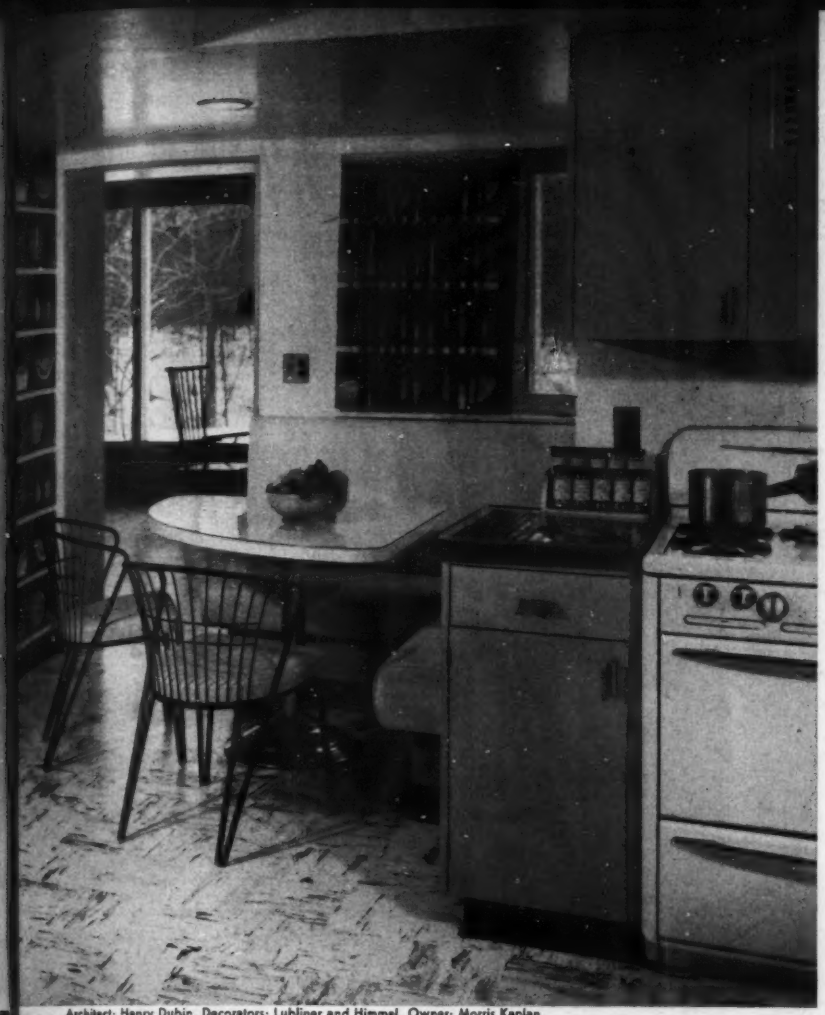
Gather 'round **for family meals, games, or hobbies.**

If space is no problem, you may choose a good-size table with captain's chairs. They're tops for comfort.

Try to place dining set at one end of kitchen—out of the work area, yet handy to dishwasher and cooking top. Note plastic light fixture.

Extra snack counter nearby (see plan) fills the bill for quick meals in this kitchen.





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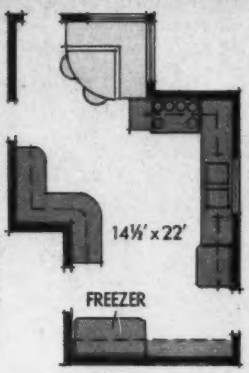

Pie-shaped table takes care of four diners, is a good choice for this traffic "lane." Range and the serve-up counter are only a step away.

You'll find a built-in bench usually takes less space than chairs, helps you make the most of the space you have. This bench fits into corner.

Easy-to-clean plastic bench cover and flooring laugh at spills.

Wallpaper and matching curtain fabric tie this dining spot together, and create the illusion of a separate nook. Dramatic pattern adds gaiety.

Consider a window near table for light and a pleasant view.

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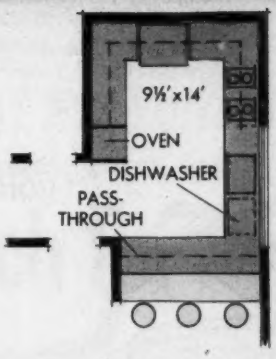
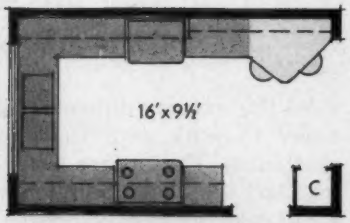
Three in a row. Put pass-through to work as a snack place. Here, stools are parked on dining-room side of the dual-purpose counter.

Dishes don't travel far — dishwasher is next to pass-through; cabinets above hold clean dinnerware. Shelves display useful pretties.

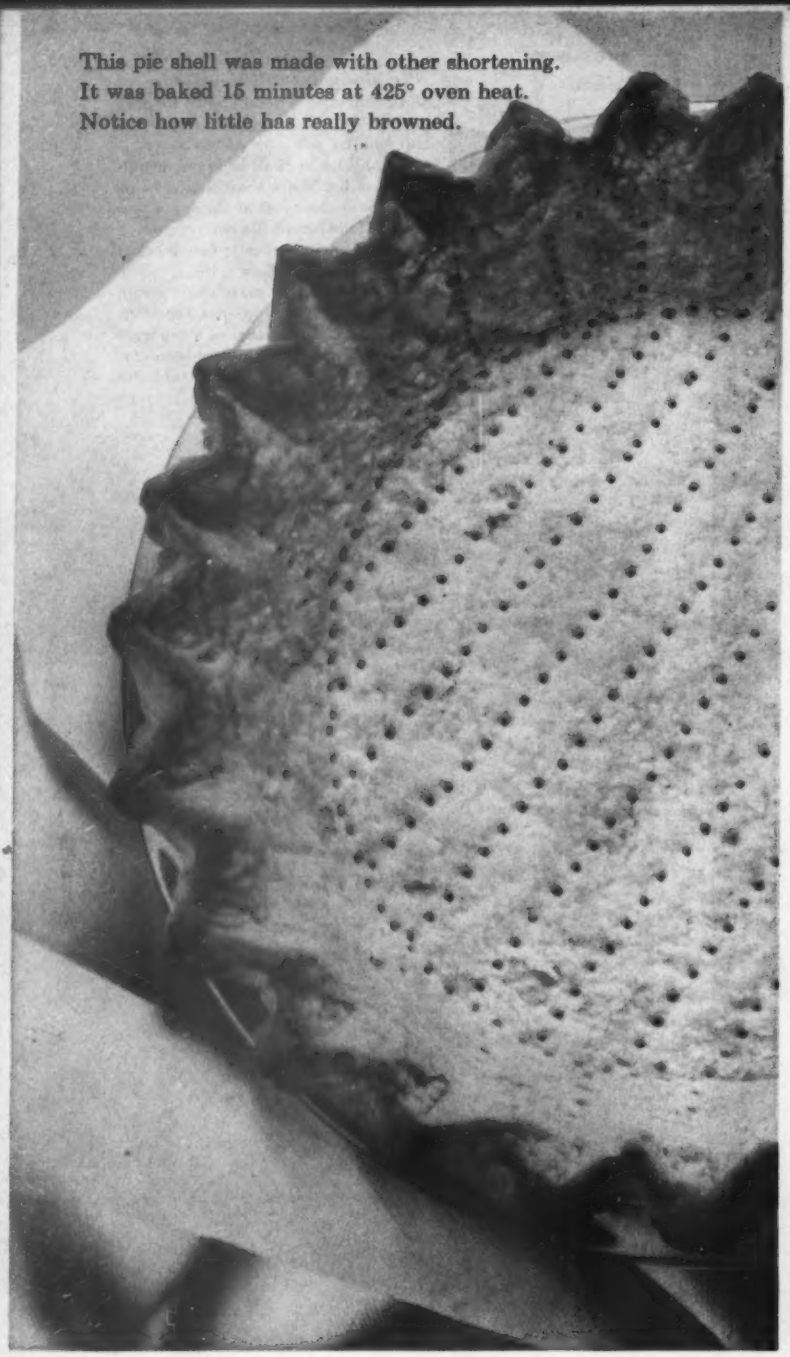
Short, split-wood blinds between the wall cabinets and counter may be closed to hide any kitchen clutter.



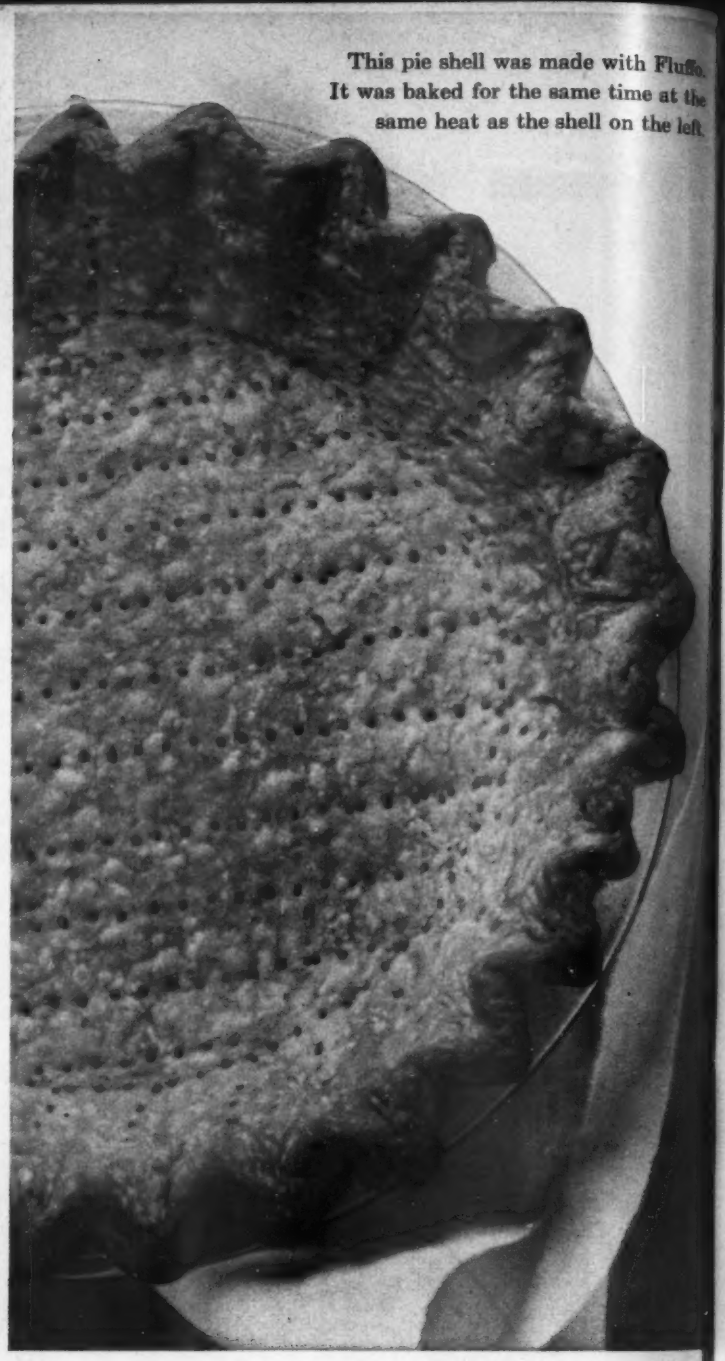


Trim triangle for two. Even if yours is a small "diningless" kitchen, you may be able to "angle" in a tiny eating spot similar to this one.

Jog in counter adds extra top for lining up plate meals for dining room (at right). Ledge below the counter files morning paper and napkins.



This pie shell was made with other shortening. It was baked 15 minutes at 425° oven heat. Notice how little has really browned.



This pie shell was made with Fluffo. It was baked for the same time at the same heat as the shell on the left.

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Join in our vegetable jamboree

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Cheesed Cauliflower

Delectable, golden dress-up for this snowy-white vegetable—

1 medium head cauliflower
• • •
¼ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup enriched flour
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 6-ounce can (1⅓ cups) broiled sliced mushrooms, drained
• • •
6 slices pimiento cheese
Paprika

Separate cauliflower in medium pieces. Cook, covered, in boiling salted water till just tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Drain. Meanwhile cook green pepper in butter till tender but not brown; blend in flour; gradually stir in milk and cook, stirring constantly, till thick; add salt and mushrooms. Place ½ the cauliflower in a 1½-quart casserole. Cover with ½ the cheese, then ½ the sauce. Repeat layers. Sprinkle top with paprika. Brown lightly in a moderate oven (350°) about 15 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Baked Stuffed Eggplant

Eggplant lovers take note: seasoned meat filling; crispy corn-flake topper—

1 large eggplant
¾ pound ground beef
¼ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce
2 teaspoons quick-cooking tapioca
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
• • •
¾ cup corn flakes
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
• • •
Grated Parmesan cheese

Cut eggplant in half lengthwise and remove pulp to within ½ inch of skin. Chop pulp coarsely. Lightly brown beef in ¼ cup butter, stirring occasionally. Add onion, green pepper, and chopped pulp; cook 5 minutes. Add ½ of the tomato sauce, the tapioca and seasonings. Pile hot into eggplant shells. Pour remaining tomato sauce over top. Place in shallow baking dish. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 30 minutes or till almost done. Mix corn flakes with ¼ cup melted butter and sprinkle atop eggplant. Bake 10 minutes longer, or till topping is lightly browned. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Makes 6 servings.

Party Peas

Garden-fresh flavor and color here—

4 or 5 lettuce leaves
2 pounds fresh peas*
4 green onions, chopped
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
Pinch thyme
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Shell peas. Arrange lettuce leaves on bottom of heavy saucepan; add peas, chopped onions, sugar, salt, pepper, thyme, water, and butter. Cover tightly and cook over *low heat* till peas are done, 10 to 15 minutes. Add more water during cooking if necessary. Makes 4 servings.

*Or use two 10-ounce packages frozen peas (6 servings).

Shrimp-stuffed Peppers

Perfect company special for your next buffet party—

6 medium green peppers
• • •
2 cups cut cooked cleaned shrimp
2 cups cooked rice
1 cup salad dressing
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Dash Tabasco sauce
Dash paprika
• • •
1 8-ounce can (1 cup) seasoned tomato sauce

Remove tops and seeds from peppers; precook 5 minutes; drain. Combine shrimp, rice, salad dressing, onion, salt, pepper, and Tabasco. Fill peppers and sprinkle with paprika. Place upright in baking dish. Pour tomato sauce around peppers. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Spoon the tomato sauce over filling before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Minted Carrots

Honey and butter make pretty glaze—

1 bunch (5 to 6) carrots, cut in strips
• • •
¼ cup butter or margarine
3 tablespoons honey
2 teaspoons chopped fresh mint leaves or parsley

Cook carrots in boiling salted water 15 minutes or till tender; drain. Combine butter, honey, and mint; heat to melt butter. Add carrots and heat over low heat, stirring occasionally, until glazed. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

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Height of affection

My wife's no simpleton, no fool.
She could, you know, pull up a stool
And thereby reach the topmost shelf
And put or take things by herself.

But no, she calls me and I come.
(As I have said, she isn't dumb.)
She knows I'll answer to her call
When she says, "Darling, you're so tall . . . "

—*Richard Armour*

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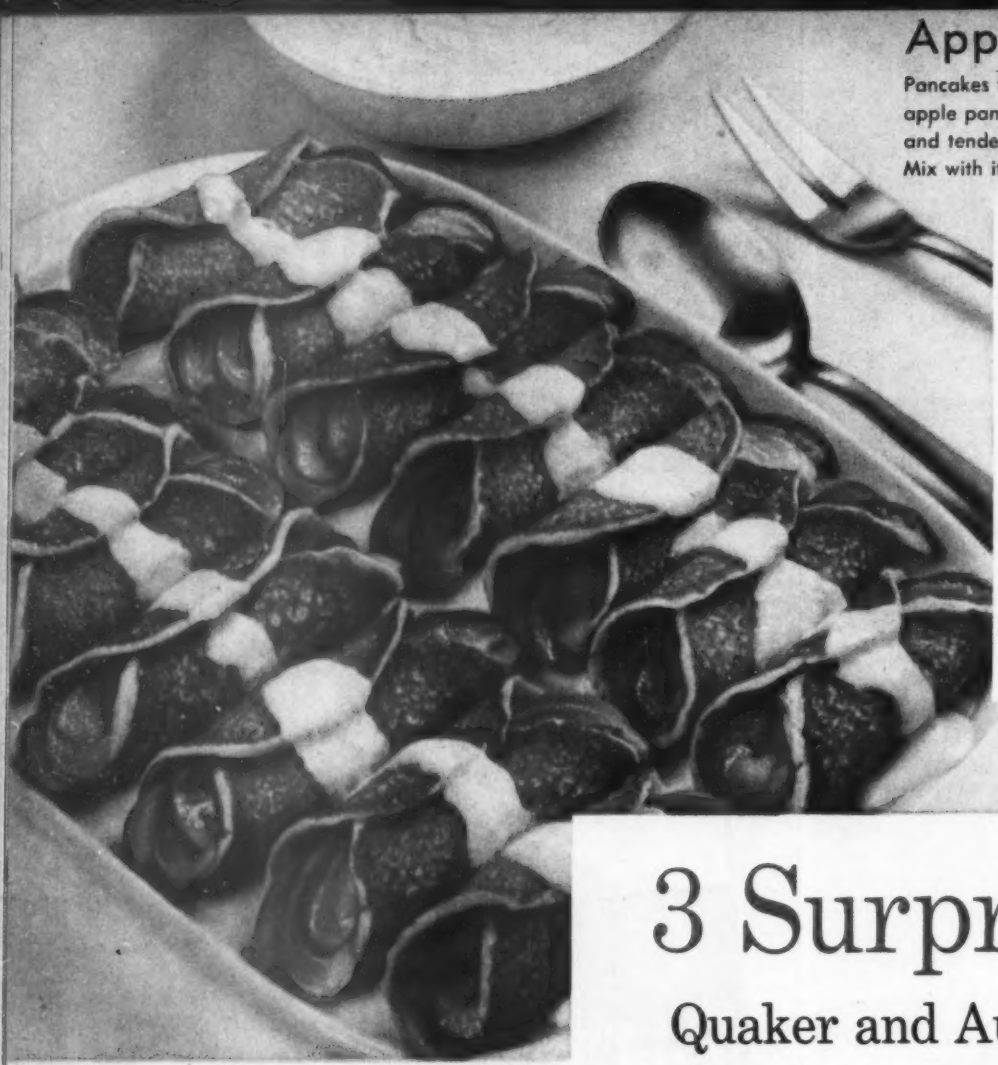

Apple Pancakes Supreme

Pancakes for dessert? Yes, if you serve these delightful rolled apple pancakes topped with lemon frosting. They're very light and tender because they're made with Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix with its can't-be-copied goodness.

Apple Pancakes Supreme

Makes 8 servings

APPLE FILLING:
- 4 cups sliced raw apples or two No. 2 cans apple slices
- ½ cup sugar
- 1½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ cup water

AUNT JEMIMA PANCAKES:
- 1 recipe made according to deluxe recipe on package for 14 to 16 pancakes

FROSTING:
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1½ cups confectioners' sugar

For apple filling, combine all ingredients and cook until apples are just tender. (If sweetened canned apple slices are used, decrease sugar and cook only a few minutes.) Place 2 spoonfuls of hot filling across each hot baked pancake; roll up. Place in shallow baking dish in slow oven (325°F.) to keep warm for a few minutes until serving time.

For frosting, combine all the ingredients and drizzle this over the pancakes.

3 Surprising New

Quaker and Aunt Jemima bring you

Meat Balls Creole

You turn this dish into a real gourmet's delight, by the simple addition of your old friend, Quaker Oats. This keeps the meat tender and juicy and protects the rich meaty flavor.

Meat Balls Creole

Makes 8 servings

MEAT BALLS:
- 1½ pounds ground beef
- ¾ cup Quaker or Mother's Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- One 8-oz. can (1 cup) tomato sauce

CREOLE SAUCE:
- One 8 oz. can (1 cup) tomato sauce
- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1½ cups water
- 4 small onions, sliced
- ½ green pepper, sliced

Combine ground beef, rolled oats, salt, garlic salt and tomato sauce. Using a level tablespoon of mixture for each, shape into balls. Roll in flour and brown in frying pan in a small amount of hot fat.

Combine tomato sauce, chili sauce and water. Add onion and green pepper. Pour over meat balls; simmer about 20 minutes.

Buffet Chicken Shortcake

A delicious new way to glamorize Chicken a la King—serve it over hot fragrant corn bread, made with Quaker or Aunt Jemima Corn Meal, for that good Fresh Corn Flavor!

Buffet Chicken Shortcake

Makes 8 servings

1 Corn Bread made according to recipe on Quaker or Aunt Jemima Corn Meal Package.

CHICKEN TOPPING:
- ½ cup blanched almonds
- 1½ tablespoons butter or margarine
- Three 10½ oz. cans mushroom soup
- ¾ cup milk
- 3 cups (three 6-oz. cans) chopped cooked chicken
- 1½ tablespoons chopped pimiento
- One 4-oz. can button mushrooms

For chicken topping, heat almonds in butter, stirring frequently until lightly browned. Combine remaining ingredients in saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently until piping hot. Add almonds. Serve over hot corn bread squares. **Hint:** The Corn Bread may be baked in advance, then split and toasted at serving time.

Buffet Party Dishes *(made from 3 famous foods)*

glamorous new uses for pancake mix, corn meal and oatmeal!

More fun with less work — this is one big reason why today's busy hostess likes to entertain buffet style. Trouble is, her friends do too, and variety becomes a problem. So here are three unusual buffet dishes, all surprisingly quick and easy to make and very delicious . . . and (here's the *real* surprise!) they're made from pancake mix, corn meal or oatmeal. Who'd have thought these familiar foods could be so versatile — look so festive on your buffet table?

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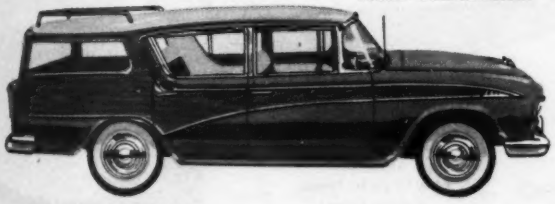

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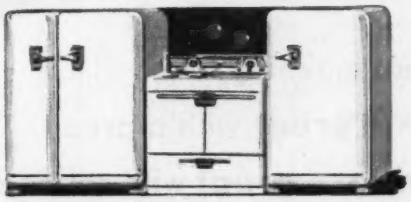

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1. Corn Bread can be baked the day before and toasted in the broiler.
2. Pancakes should be turned several times during baking.
3. Oatmeal is used in meat loaves just as it comes from the package.
4. Rolled pancakes with fruit fillings are served in many foreign countries.
5. Oatmeal keeps meat balls juicy and gives them a richer flavor.

Next, write your name and address and mail your post card to: "Buffet Sweepstakes, The Quaker Oats Company, Box 5008, Chicago 77, Illinois." All entries must be received before November 8, 1956. Enter as often as you wish.

The drawing will be held on November 5, 1956 and those with correct answers will qualify for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th prizes in the order in which they are drawn.

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Hints to help you

Egg specials. These are the egg dishes your family likes best. Perhaps you make a wonderful omelet or souffle. Or maybe you have a way with fried, poached, scrambled, or baked eggs? Or, do you make a tasty, creamed egg dish, casserole, sandwich, salad? Ideas:

Spanish omelet
savory ham and eggs
egg-salad sandwich
eggs a la king
eggs goldenrod
mushroom souffle
egg croquettes
shrimp-egg fooyoung
deviled eggs

Springtime pies. Is your favorite pie for spring luncheons made with fresh, canned, or frozen fruit? Or, is it a subtly flavored custard or oh-so-smooth cream pie? Maybe it's a fluffy gelatin, parfait, or an ice-cream pie. Tell us all about the crust you use. Suggestions:

rhubarb pie
pineapple cream pie
caramel custard pie
lemon chiffon pie
strawberry pie
peach parfait pie
raspberry angel pie
lemon or lime meringue pie

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 109 and 110*)

Cook-of-the-Month for Cooking with Cookies
Robert P. Singer, M. D., Killeen, Tex.

Cook-of-the-Month for Stuffed Vegetables
Lucille Johnson, Boston, Mass.

Other Winners

Mrs. Dell Anderson, Washburn, Wis.
Mrs. Richard H. Anderson, Spokane, Wash.
Mrs. H. H. Brosious, Bellingham, Wash.
Mrs. G. C. Keith, Whiteface, Tex.
Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, Maywood, Ill.
Mrs. Lovina Nordstrom, Washougal, Wash.

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Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "April Egg Specials" or "April Springtime Pies."
2. Print your full name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons—never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, September 30.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5409 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

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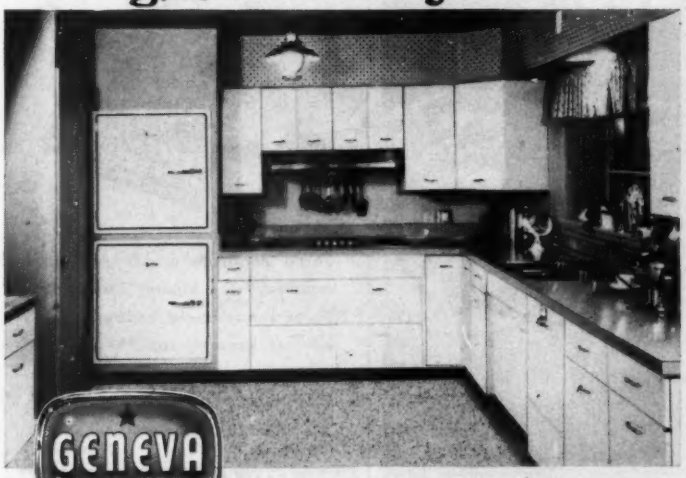

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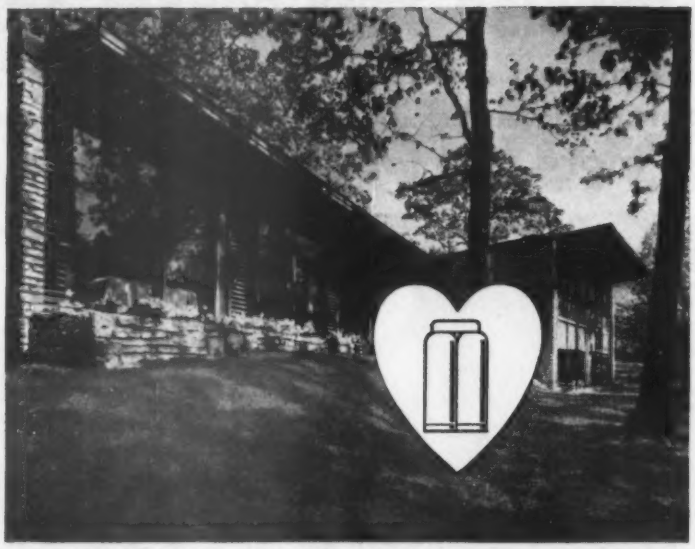

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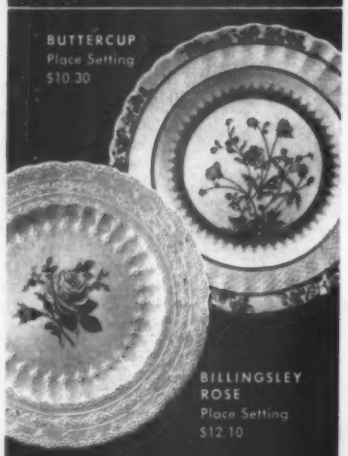

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Plum-good desserts

Be sure to get a basket of fresh Italian prunes (maybe you call them prune-plums or purple plums). Season's all too short—just during September and early October. Silvery purple and tangy-sweet, they're delightful in salads and for out-of-hand snacks.

You may like to freeze or can them, too, for a midwinter treat. But right now try these pies and the cake for just plum-good eating!

Glazed-plum Cheese Pie would make Jack Horner envious! The creamy-smooth filling's mighty rich—cream cheese, sweetened condensed milk, and whipped cream. Lemon juice gives it a just-right tang. Syrup glaze over big prune-plum halves makes handsome top

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Plump plums in a mixture of brown sugar, butter, and California walnuts—that's the pretty upside-down "frosting" for Prunes-up Spice Cake. Use a packaged mix for the cake (white or yellow instead of spice, if you like). To go with generous squares of this dessert, offer ice cream, hard sauce, or whipped cream. Homespun, but so delicious

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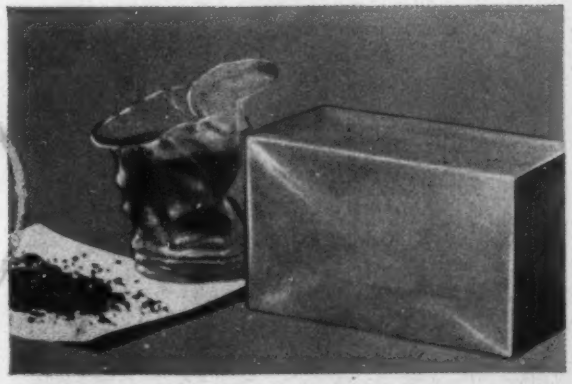

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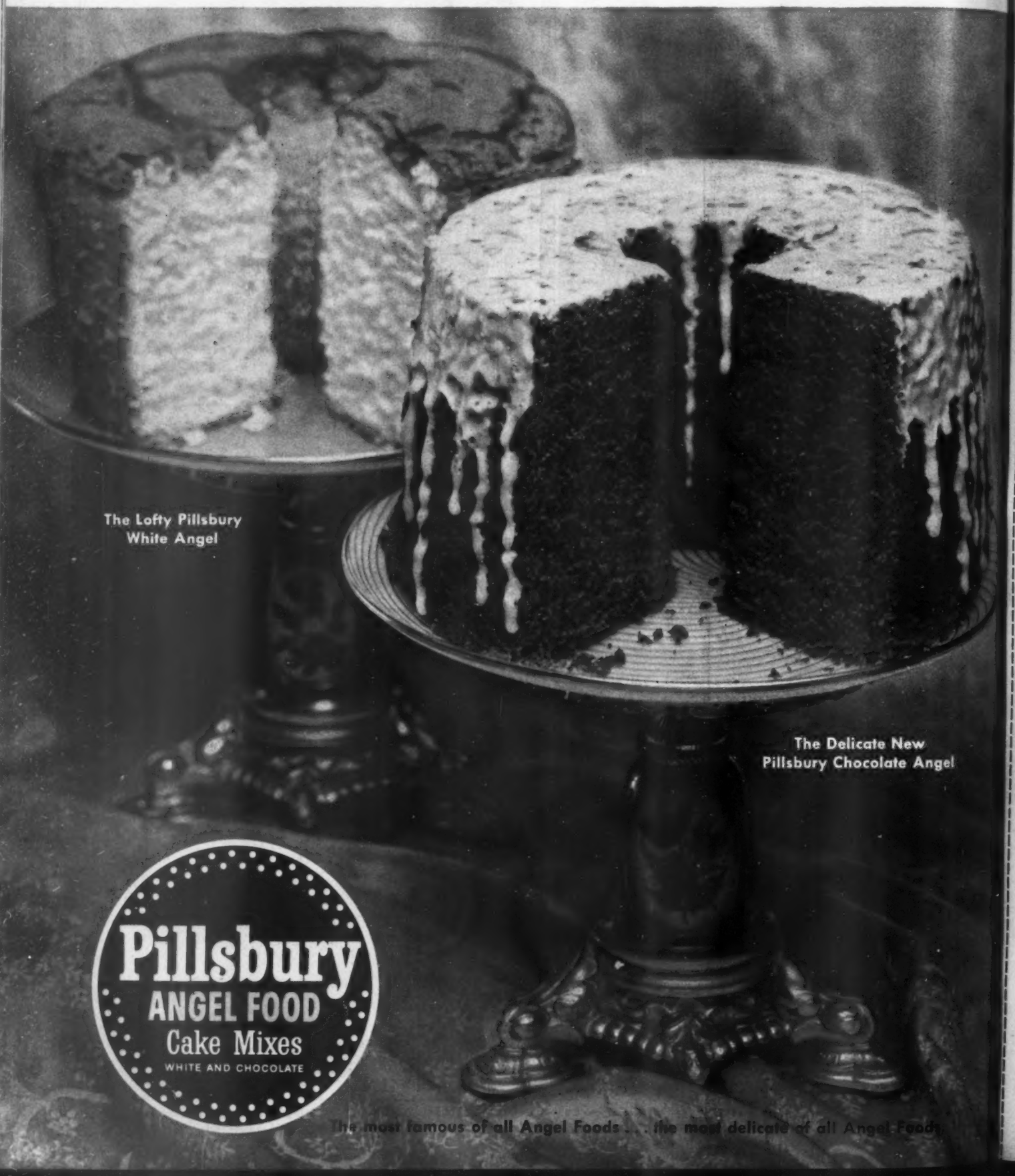

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Stuffed vegetables

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Sausage-ball Squash

Squash cups brimful of spicy applesauce and little sausage balls make a hearty main dish for a fall luncheon—

2 medium acorn squash
1 pound bulk pork sausage
Cinnamon to taste
2 cups sweetened applesauce
Salt

Cut squash in half lengthwise; remove seeds. Bake, cut side down, in shallow baking pan in moderate oven (350°) till almost tender, about 35 to 40 minutes. Meanwhile, form sausage in small balls; brown slowly, about 15 minutes; drain. Add cinnamon to applesauce, then add to sausage balls; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Turn squash cut side up and sprinkle with salt; fill with sausage and applesauce. Continue baking till squash is tender, about 20 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Lucille Johnson, Boston, Massachusetts

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Cooky desserts

Brownie Pie

Want to dazzle your bridge club? Serve "brownies" this way!—

3 egg whites
Dash salt
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup fine chocolate-wafer crumbs
½ cup chopped California walnuts
½ teaspoon vanilla
Sweetened whipped cream

Beat egg whites and salt till soft peaks form; gradually add sugar, beating till stiff peaks form. Fold in crumbs, nuts, and vanilla; spread evenly in lightly buttered 9-inch pieplate. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 35 minutes. Cool thoroughly. Spread top with sweetened whipped cream; chill well, 3 to 4 hours. Trim with curls of shaved unsweetened chocolate.

Robert P. Singer, M. D., Killeen, Texas

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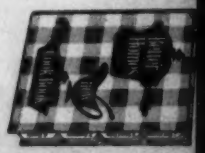
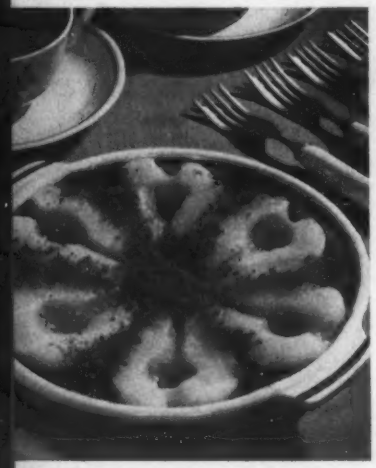


Orange Fluff

24 marshmallows
½ cup frozen orange-juice concentrate
• • •
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 recipe Vanilla-wafer Crust

Heat marshmallows and juice concentrate in top of double boiler over simmering water, stirring occasionally till marshmallows melt. Cool thoroughly. Fold in whipped cream. Pile into Vanilla-wafer Crust; top with reserved crumbs. Chill until firm. To serve, cut in wedges and top with additional whipped cream and walnut halves. Makes 7 or 8 servings. **Vanilla-wafer Crust:** Mix together ¾ cup fine vanilla-wafer crumbs, ¼ cup finely chopped California walnuts, and ¼ cup melted butter or margarine. Line bottom of 1-quart refrigerator tray with half of mixture; reserve remainder for top.

Mrs. Richard H. Anderson, Spokane, Washington



Ginger Pear Crumble

1½ cups fine ginger-snap crumbs
½ cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
3 pared ripe pears, cut in half, or 1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups), drained
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Mix together crumbs, brown sugar, salt, and butter. Place half of mixture in bottom of buttered 8-inch round baking dish. Place pears, cut side up, on crumbs. Sprinkle with lemon juice and remaining crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm topped with ice cream or whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Lovina Nordstrom, Washougal, Washington

Pineapple-Cherry Squares

1½ cups fine vanilla-wafer crumbs
1 can (1⅓ to 1½ cups) flaked or shredded coconut
½ cup butter or margarine
1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2 eggs
1 9-ounce can (1 cup) crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup broken California walnuts
¾ cup chopped maraschino cherries, well drained
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Place half of crumbs in bottom of 9x9x2-inch pan; sprinkle with half the coconut. Cream butter; gradually add confectioners' sugar, creaming till light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Spread mixture over coconut. Fold pineapple, nuts, and cherries into whipped cream; spread over mixture in pan. Sprinkle with remaining coconut and crumbs. Chill about 4 hours. Cut in squares. Trim with pineapple and maraschino cherries. Makes 9 servings.

Mrs. Dell Anderson, Washburn, Wisconsin

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Swedish Cabbage Rolls

Have meatman grind 1 pound lean beef and ½ pound fresh pork together 3 times. To meat, add 2 tablespoons enriched flour, 2 teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, ½ teaspoon allspice, and ½ cup milk. Beat with electric beater at medium speed about 5 minutes, or till fluffy. Add 2 eggs, ½ cup milk, and ⅓ cup chopped onion; continue beating 5 minutes longer, till *very light* and *fluffy*. Steam 12 large cabbage leaves 3 minutes, or just till limp; drain. Spoon meat mixture into leaf "cups"; roll each, turning ends of leaf under. Place rolls in heavy kettle. Dissolve 4 beef bouillon cubes in 1 cup boiling water; pour over rolls. Place additional cabbage leaves on top. Cover and simmer 2 hours. Serve with spiced peaches. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, Maywood, Illinois

Cheese 'n Limas in Onion Shells

6 medium or large white onions
1½ cups cooked fresh or frozen baby Limas
¼ cup catsup
¼ teaspoon ground sage
Dash pepper
• • •
¼ pound sharp process American cheese, shredded (1 cup)
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Peel onions; cook in boiling salted water till partially tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain; cool. Slice off ends; remove centers and place onions in 10x 6x1½-inch baking dish. (Chop centers and place around whole onions.) Combine Limas, catsup, sage, pepper, and half of the cheese; fill onions with mixture. Pour ¼ cup hot water around onions. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 25 minutes, or till tender. Sprinkle remaining cheese and bacon atop; bake 5 minutes longer, or just till cheese melts. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. G. C. Keith, Whiteface, Texas

Blue-cheesed Mushrooms

12 to 14 extra-large fresh or canned whole mushrooms
¼ cup chopped green onions
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup (1 ounce) crumbled blue cheese
⅓ cup fine dry bread crumbs
Salt and pepper

Remove stems from mushrooms; chop stems. Cook stems and onions in butter till tender but not brown. Add cheese, 2 tablespoons of the crumbs, and salt and pepper to taste. Fill mushroom crowns with mixture; sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Place on baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°), 12 minutes for fresh mushrooms or 8 minutes for canned. Serve as meat accompaniment.

Mrs. H. H. Brosious, Bellingham, Washington

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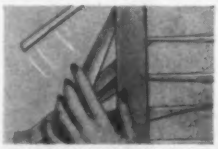

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Plum-good desserts

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Surprises galore in Frosted Prune Pie! Orange marmalade layers the bottom crust—prune-plum filling offers almonds for crunch—upper crust shines with Confectioners' Icing to enhance tart flavor of the fruit. Serve wedges with piping-hot coffee when you ask friends in

Frosted Prune Pie

An old-fashioned, double-crust pie all dressed up!—

2 pounds fresh Italian prunes, quartered and pitted (3 cups)
⅛ cup water
• • •
¾ cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
• • •
¼ cup slivered blanched almonds, toasted
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
• • •
1 recipe Plain Pastry
¼ cup orange marmalade
• • •
1 recipe Confectioners' Icing

Combine prunes and water; bring to boiling and cook 3 to 4 minutes. Mix together sugar, cornstarch, and salt; stir into prune mixture. Cook slowly till thick and clear, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in almonds and butter; cool. Line 9-inch pieplate with pastry; spread with orange marmalade. Fill with prune mixture. Adjust top crust; flute edge. Bake in hot oven (425°) 30 to 35 minutes. Brush with **Confectioners' Icing:** Beat 1 egg white slightly; stir in ½ to 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar to make a thin icing. Blend in ¼ teaspoon vanilla.

Plain Pastry

1½ cups sifted enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

Sift together flour and salt; cut in shortening till the size of small peas. Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time, over ingredients, gently mixing and pressing with fork till dough just holds together. Divide for lower and upper crusts; roll to ⅛ inch on lightly floured surface. Will make enough pastry for one 8- or 9-inch double-crust pie or 4 to 6 tart shells.

Glazed-plum Cheese Pie

Luscious, easy cream-cheese filling, tart topper of fresh Italian prunes—

Filling:

1 8-ounce package cream cheese
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Stir cream cheese to soften; blend in condensed milk and lemon juice. Fold in whipped cream; pour into 9-inch Graham-cracker Crust and chill thoroughly.

Glazed-plum Topping:

1 cup sugar
¾ cup water
1 pound fresh Italian prunes, halved and pitted (2 cups)
1½ teaspoons cornstarch

Combine sugar and water; bring to boiling, stirring constantly, and simmer 5 minutes. Add prunes to syrup and simmer till just tender, about 10 minutes. Cool in syrup. Drain prunes well, reserving syrup. Gradually stir ½ cup of cooled prune syrup into cornstarch; cook, stirring constantly, till thick and clear. Cool. Arrange prunes, rounded side up, on chilled filling; spoon glaze over. Chill 3 or 4 hours.

To match picture, arrange part of prunes in bottom of crust before you add filling. Use remaining prunes for topping.

Graham-cracker Crust:

Mix together 1½ cups fine graham-cracker crumbs (about 18 graham crackers), ¼ cup sugar, and ½ cup melted butter or margarine. Press firmly in buttered 9-inch pieplate. Chill till firm, about 45 minutes.

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¼ cup oil • 1 cup chopped onion • 1 cup chopped celery • ½ clove garlic, minced
1⅓ cups (5-ounce package) MINUTE RICE
1 tablespoon flour • 1 tablespoon salt • 1 teaspoon chili powder • 1½ cups water
2 cups (16-ounce can) canned tomatoes
2 cups (two 7-ounce cans) tuna fish, drained and flaked

Heat oil in large skillet. Add onion, celery, garlic, Minute Rice (*right from box*); sauté until onion is tender; stir occasionally. Add flour, salt, chili powder and mix well. Then add water and tomatoes and mix to moisten all rice. Bring quickly to a boil. Cover tightly and simmer 10 minutes. Add flaked tuna fish and heat 1 minute longer. Makes 6 servings.

For mushroom variation, drain 1 or 2 (4-ounce) cans of mushrooms and sauté with Minute Rice.

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Join in our vegetable jamboree

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Green Beans With Cream-cheese Sauce

The tasty sauce and garnish give a gourmet touch to fresh or canned green beans, too—

1 10-ounce package frozen French-style green beans
• • •
1 4-ounce can (¾ cup) sliced mushrooms, drained
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
• • •
1 3-ounce package cream cheese
1 tablespoon light cream
¾ teaspoon celery seed
¼ teaspoon salt

Cook beans in boiling, salted water according to package directions; drain well. Meanwhile heat mushrooms in butter for a few minutes. Soften the cream cheese; blend in cream, celery seed, and salt. Spoon cheese sauce over hot beans and garnish with mushrooms. Makes 4 servings.

Your vote may make the difference.

Fiesta Limas

You'll find mighty good eating in this team-up with celery, cheese, pimiento—

2½ cups fresh shelled or 2 10-ounce packages frozen green Limas
1 cup sliced celery
• • •
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons enriched flour
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
½ cup finely diced sharp process American cheese
1 tablespoon diced pimiento

Cook Limas and celery in boiling (unsalted) water until tender; drain. Meanwhile melt butter; blend in flour; gradually stir in milk. Cook until thick, stirring constantly; add salt and pepper. Add cheese and pimiento; stir in hot Limas; mix well. Makes 6 servings.

French Onion Soup

Ready in a wink when you use canned consomme—

4 large onions, sliced thin
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 cans condensed consomme
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
• • •
2 French or hard rolls, sliced and toasted
Grated Parmesan cheese

Cook onions in butter till lightly browned. Add consomme and Worcestershire. Bring to boiling; season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle toast generously with Parmesan cheese. Pour soup into bowls and float toast slices on top. For a gourmet touch, place under broiler a few seconds or till cheese is lightly browned. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

The whole world will be watching your vote.

Note: For the consomme, you can substitute 4 cups brown stock; or 1½ tablespoons concentrated meat extract dissolved in 4 cups hot water; or 6 beef bouillon cubes dissolved in 4 cups hot water.

Broiled Crisscross Tomatoes

Bacon jacket crisps while juicy tomatoes broil—

1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
Dash salt
• • •
6 medium tomatoes, peeled
12 bacon slices

Blend brown sugar, mustard, and salt. Make a vertical cut down center of tomatoes, about ⅔ of the way through. Spread cut edges with mustard mixture. Crisscross 2 bacon slices. Place tomato on bacon where slices cross; bring strips to top of tomato and secure with toothpicks. Broil about 15 minutes, turning once. Top each tomato with tiny sprig of parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Vinaigrette Sauce

We used it as dressing for the tomato slices with the Baked Stuffed Eggplant, page 101. Nice tart sauce for hot vegetables, too—

1 package French salad-dressing mix
• • •
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
¼ cup pickle relish
1 hard-cooked egg, finely chopped
2 teaspoons chopped onion
2 teaspoons capers

Prepare salad-dressing mix according to package directions. Place 1 cup of dressing in pint jar; add remaining ingredients; cover, and shake well. Makes 1½ cups.

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Or wear out their shoes
In a matter of days?
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1 cup hot orange juice
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2 tablespoons lemon juice
9-inch NABISCO HONEY GRAHAM cracker shell*

Dissolve orange Jell-O and sugar in *hot* orange juice. Cool until thickened and syrupy (20-25 minutes). Chill Carnation in refrigerator tray until soft crystals form through milk (15-20 minutes).

Whip until stiff (about 1 minute); add lemon juice. Continue whipping until *very* stiff (2 minutes longer). Fold *whipped* Carnation into chilled orange Jell-O. Spoon into crust. Chill pie 2 hours, or until firm.

*GRAHAM CRACKER SHELL: mix 1½ cups crushed Nabisco Honey Grahams with 2 tablespoons sugar and ¼ cup melted butter. Line sides and bottom of 9-inch pie plate.

"NO-BAKE" LEMON PIE. Use lemon Jell-O instead of orange Jell-O. Mix ¼ cup water with ¾ cup (6 oz. can) softened lemonade concentrate. Save 2 tablespoons for whipping Carnation. Heat remainder; dissolve Jell-O and ½ cup sugar. Cool. Add *whipped* Carnation; place in shell.

"NO-BAKE" PINEAPPLE PIE. Use lemon Jell-O instead of orange Jell-O, and 1 cup hot water (or canned pineapple syrup and water) instead of orange juice. Fold 1 cup well-drained canned crushed pineapple into Jell-O and *whipped* Carnation filling. Place in shell.

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Try these delicious pear-ups

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Just arrange chilled pear sections on your favorite tray with wedges of zesty cheese (have the cheese at room temperature). Tuck in sprigs of water cress for a gay colorful accent.

Jewel Salad will spark up a luncheon. Pear halves, circling mold, are dipped in lemon juice to keep them bright.

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The Bosc, Anjou, Comice, and Nelis varieties are at the fruit counter in fall, winter, early spring. Fresh Bartletts take over in late summer and early fall; the canned are on call all year, of course.

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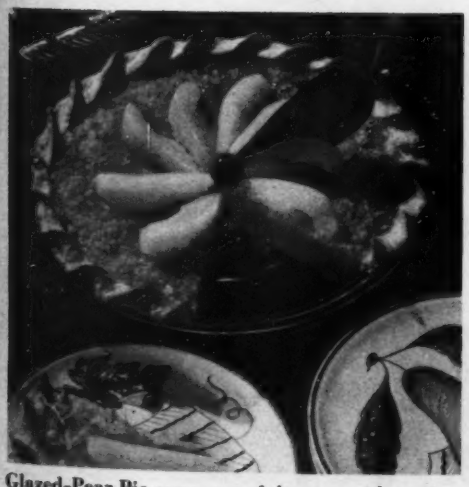

Glazed-Pear Pie comes out of the oven with a spicy-sweet topping. Trim is pear whirligig with cherry center. For twister edge, cut a long, ¾-inch-wide strip of pastry, seal one end to moistened rim of pie shell. Then twist strip, sealing at each twist. Do not stretch dough

Baked Pears topped with whipped cream, then sprinkled with chocolate decorettes are an easy dress-up dessert. Bake them a day ahead and chill till mealtime. Or include as dessert in oven meal, serve plain while warm

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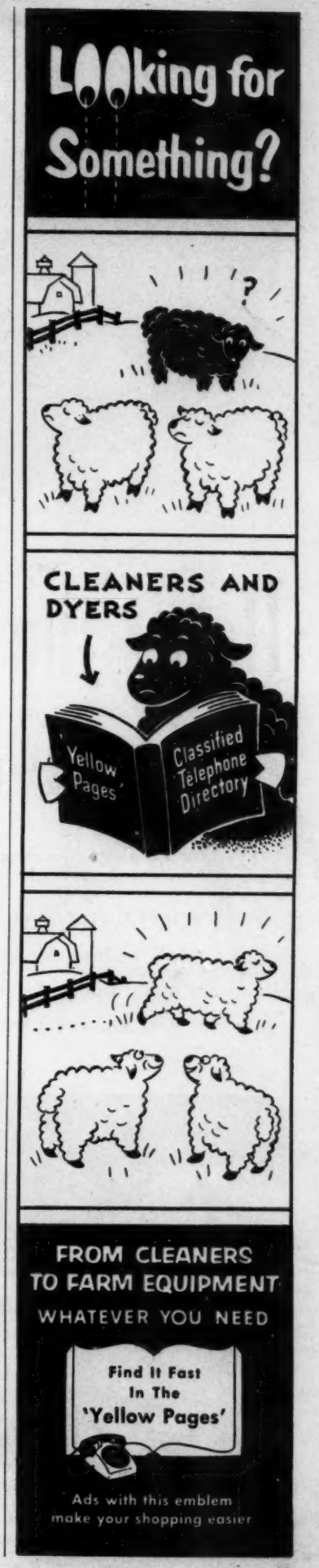

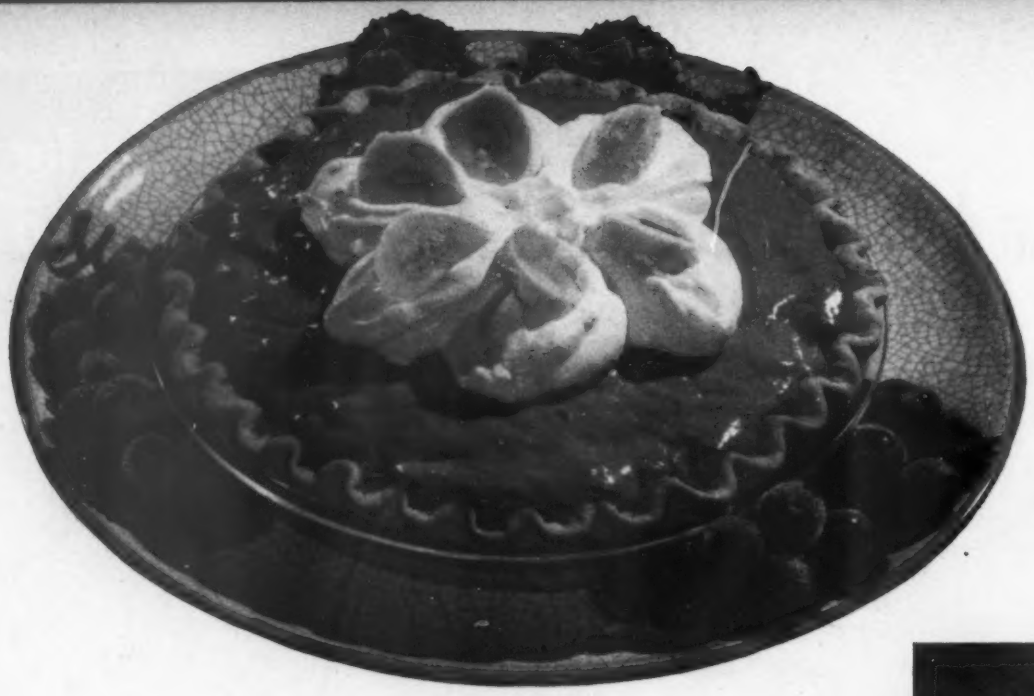

Grape Parfait Pie has the Concord "punch" of tangy grape juice and grape-flavored gelatin. Ice cream makes it pie-easy—gives richness.

Ribbons of sliced bananas in the filling contrast with its grape color. Trim with whipped cream, bananas.

Here's the scoop on ice cream fix-ups

By Virginia Newman

YOU'LL HAVE these luscious autumn desserts "down cold" with packaged ice cream. Stir chocolate syrup or spicy pumpkin into ice cream for new frosty treats —fold ice cream into gelatin to make parfait pie

Mocha Butterscotch Sauce—it is wonderfully smooth and good. Walnuts add a crisp fall note to this flavor duet of caramel and instant coffee. Alternate sauce with ice-cream balls to build sky-high parfaits for a party; for everyday, make easy Caramel Sundaes

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Chocolate-chip Cups. The "chips" form as chocolate sauce meets the chill of softened ice cream. Toasted almonds are the crunch. Guests coming? Freeze the mixture in dessert dishes instead of paper cups. Stud each with an almond daisy centered with a bright maraschino cherry

Caramel Smoothie. A creamy, delicious sundae topping simple as 1, 2, 3. Just heat ½ pound (28) caramels with ½ cup hot water in top of double boiler. Stir occasionally till caramels melt. Makes about 1 cup

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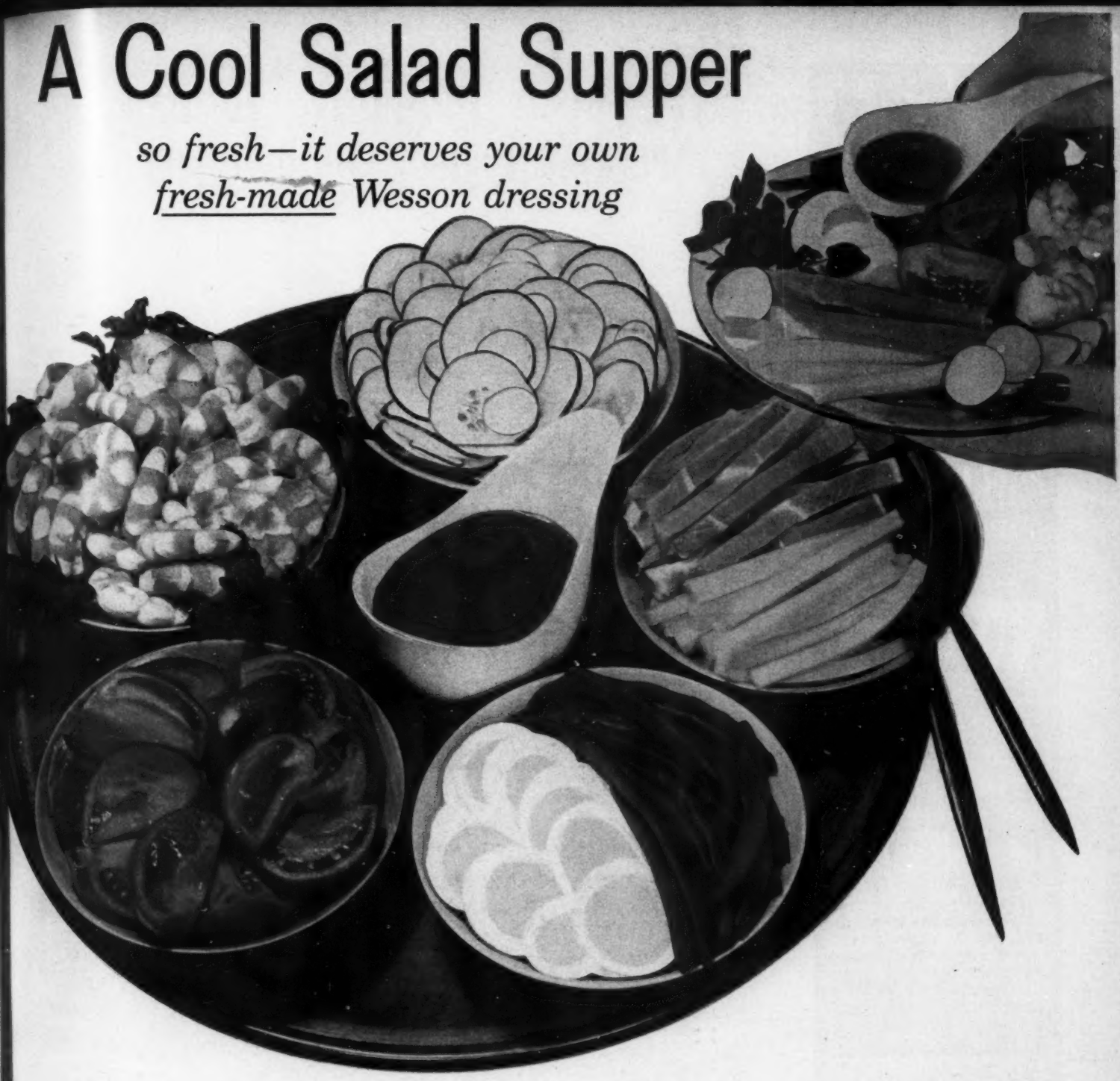
A Cool Salad Supper

so fresh—it deserves your own fresh-made Wesson dressing



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Serve with Wesson 1-Minute French Dressing or this easy Thousand Island variation: To 1 cup Wesson 1-Minute Dressing, add ⅓ cup ketchup, 1 tablespoon horseradish. Fold in ⅔ cup heavy cream, whipped.

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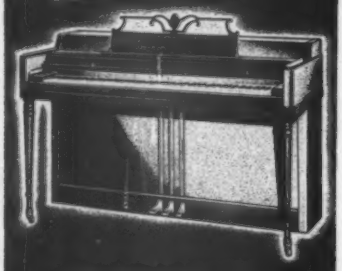

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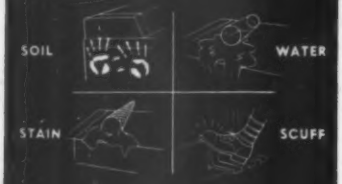

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Same slicer as pictured at left slices up fixings for informal Dutch lunch—home-baked bread, rolled ham, cheese slices, thick and thin.

No ragged edges with a slicer like this! It's a hand-operator; a super electric one is also available.

Blade is 7½ inches in diameter, is made of stainless steel. Kitchen genie will perform many tricks.

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Slicer whittles time to prepare a meal, gives food a professional-cut look with appetite appeal

Jig-time American fries or hash browns when you let a slicer do the work. Here it's attachment on food mixer. Hand puts potato into top; then safety cover takes over to press potato through. Slices drop into bowl that comes with the mixer. Attachment sports a shredding cylinder

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Small but handy. This unit with its extra attachments slices, shreds, grates, chops, grinds meat. A quick switch of the working parts will let it do the job you want.

Here you see it slicing up cucumbers for canned butter-and-bread-type pickle slices. It's good for other canning tasks, too. Or use it for your salad making.

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6 hamburger buns	1 teasp. salt
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2 Tablesps. finely chopped onion	2 cans Hunt's Tomato Sauce

Hollow out centers of the buns, leaving bottom and ½-inch rim. (You may use sliced or unsliced buns.) Crumble up the bread you have removed and mix well with meat, onion, salt pepper and 1½ cans of the Hunt's Tomato Sauce. Fill buns. Bake on cooky sheet in moderately hot oven, 375°F., for 20 minutes. Spoon remaining sauce over buns. Bake about 5 min. more until sauce is hot.

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Follow step-by-step pictures for perfect muffins

Step 1. Sift together into mixing bowl: 1¾ cups sifted enriched flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2½ teaspoons baking powder, and ¾ teaspoon salt.

Now make a well in center. Combine 1 well-beaten egg, ½ cup milk, ⅓ cup salad oil or melted shortening—add to dry ingredients all at once.

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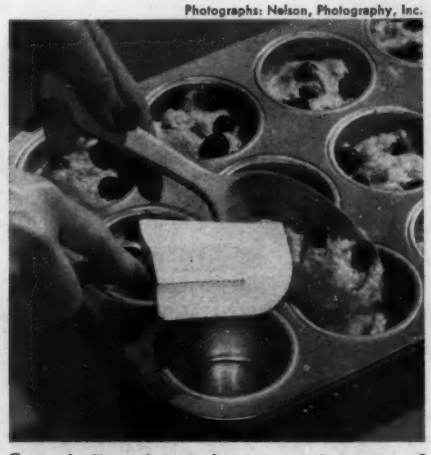
Step 2. Stir batter quickly, but only till all the flour is just moistened. It takes just a few strokes—in fact, the fewer you use the better!

Batter should look lumpy and rough—that is the big secret in mixing muffins. Stirring too much makes muffins tough with peaks atop.

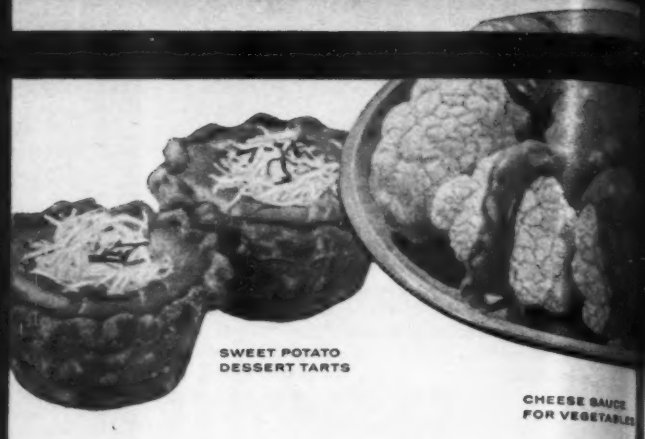
Step 3. To 1 cup of fresh or *well-drained* frozen blueberries, add 2 tablespoons sugar. Then mix by tossing lightly so berries stay whole.

Gently stir the sugared berries into the batter. Remember, easy does it for the kind of muffins that inspire folks to ask for seconds.



Step 4. Drop batter from spoon into greased muffin cups (or line with paper bake cups). For just-right size, fill pans ⅔ full.

Sprinkle a bit of sugar over top of muffins. Now into a hot oven (400°) they go—bake 20 to 25 minutes. Recipe makes 1 dozen muffins.



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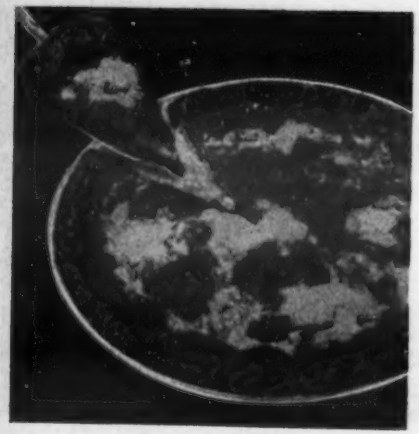


Meat-za Pie

9-inch pie plate — 4-5 Servings — 375° F. preheated oven—25 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- ⅔ cup Evaporated Milk
- ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ cup tomato paste or catsup
- 1 2-oz. can sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- ¼ teaspoon oregano, crumbled finely
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place the meat, Evaporated Milk, bread crumbs and garlic salt in pie plate. Mix together thoroughly with fork. Pat this mixture evenly onto the bottom and sides of pie plate. Pull it up over sides and rim with your fingers and press firmly into place. Spread tomato paste over meat mixture (Catsup may be used, if preferred.) Drain mushrooms and arrange at random on top of tomato paste. Top with shredded sharp Cheddar cheese and over this sprinkle oregano. Complete with 2 tablespoons or more of grated Parmesan cheese. Bake in 375° F. preheated oven for 25 minutes or until meat is baked to your taste and cheese is lightly browned.

Fluffy Salad Dressing

6 Servings

- ½ cup Evaporated Milk, chilled icy cold
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup creamed cottage cheese
- ¼ teaspoon powdered cardamom
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans

Chill a small bowl and beater. At the same time chill Evaporated Milk in freezing compartment of refrigerator until icy. An easy way is to pour Evaporated Milk into a shallow pie plate and chill until it begins to show flecks of ice. Remove and scrape into chilled bowl. Whip immediately with chilled beater until stiff. As it starts to thicken add lemon juice gradually and beat in. Next beat in the sugar and salt. Combine cottage cheese, cardamom and chopped pecans, and fold into whipped mixture. This makes a delicious dressing for fruit salads. It should be made just before the salad is to be served and used immediately.

Custard for Cream Puffs

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water
- 1⅓ cups Evaporated Milk (1 tall can)
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix sugar, flour and salt in saucepan. Gradually add water and Evaporated Milk and mix well. Cook over low heat stirring until mixture thickens, 10-15 minutes. Beat eggs slightly. Stir a small amount of this hot mixture into the eggs. Add to remainder of custard in saucepan. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth, about 5 minutes. Cool. Add vanilla. Makes sufficient custard for 12 large cream puff shells. (If desired, orange custard may be used. Simply use instead of ½ cup water—¼ cup water, ¼ cup orange juice, 2 teaspoons grated orange rind. Orange color may be added, if desired.) (For smooth, delicious Chocolate Topping see recipe on reverse side of this sheet for Two-in-One Chocolate Sauce.)

CUT PAGES APART AND SAVE

Onion Soup au Gratin

6 Servings

- 3 cups beef broth or bouillon
- 2 bunches green onions or
- 3 medium sized dry onions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1¼ cups Evaporated Milk
- Few grains pepper
- 6 slices ice box rye bread, toasted
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Make beef broth by dissolving 4 beef bouillon cubes in 3 cups boiling water, or you may use beef broth you have on hand, if you prefer. Chop onions finely and sauté in butter in skillet for a few minutes, being careful *not* to brown them. Sauté just until light yellow. Add broth and simmer until onions are tender; then add the Evaporated Milk and pepper. Heat soup gently. Be careful not to *boil*. Toast rye bread on one side only. Sprinkle cheese generously on the untoasted side of bread and broil until brown and bubbly. Place in bowls of soup. (If desired Parmesan Cheese may be used in place of Cheddar, or a mixture of Cheddar and Parmesan may be used.)

Cheese Sauce for Vegetables

Makes 2 cups

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup Evaporated Milk
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons diced pimiento
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

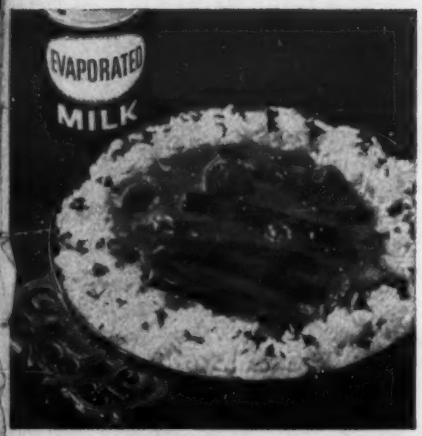
Melt butter in saucepan. In this sauté green pepper lightly until tender. Mix flour, salt and pepper and stir in gradually. Stir until well blended. Combine Evaporated Milk and water and add gradually, blending well. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is smooth and thick. Add diced pimiento, Cheddar cheese and Parmesan cheese, and cook gently until cheeses are melted. Serve with cauliflower, broccoli, lima beans or any other seasonable vegetable. This sauce is also excellent with chicken patties, poached eggs, etc. It is smooth and satisfying. Truly delicious.

Sweet Potato Dessert Tarts

8 Servings — 400° F. preheated oven—35-40 minutes

- 8 unbaked 4" pastry tart shells
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon cloves
- 1½ cups mashed cooked or well drained canned sweet potato
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 1⅓ cups Evaporated Milk (1 tall can)
- ½ cup shredded coconut, cut fine

Blend sugar and spices with mashed sweet potato in medium size mixing bowl. (If canned sweet potato is used, be sure it is *thoroughly drained*. Also, be sure to use sweet potatoes, *not yams*.) Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in melted butter. Add Evaporated Milk and mix thoroughly. Pour into unbaked tart shells and bake in a 400° F. preheated oven for 35-40 minutes. During last 5 minutes of baking, place a spoonful of coconut in center of each tart. Serve warm or cold.



Beef Stroganoff

4-6 Servings

- ¼ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ lb. lean beef round, ½ inch thick
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¾ cup sliced onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 4-oz. can button mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons tomato catsup
- ⅔ cup Evaporated Milk
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Combine flour, salt, pepper. Trim meat. Cut in strips 1½ x 1 inch. Coat with flour. Melt butter in heavy skillet. Brown meat on all sides. Add onions and garlic. Dissolve bouillon cube in water. Add to meat. Add liquid from mushrooms, Worcestershire sauce, catsup. Cover. Simmer until meat is tender and sauce thick (about 1½ hours). Add mushrooms. Just before serving combine vinegar with Evaporated Milk and stir in. Heat but DO NOT BOIL. Serve over hot rice or noodles. Top with chopped parsley.

Date Gingerbread

9 Servings

9-inch square pan — 375° F. preheated oven—30 minutes

- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sifted flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons soda
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup Evaporated Milk
- ½ cup water
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 cup light molasses
- 1½ cups chopped dates

Cream butter until light and fluffy. Sift flour with salt, soda and spices into bowl with butter. Mix Evaporated Milk, water, vinegar and molasses. Add ⅓ of the liquid to the butter mixture. Stir vigorously for 1 minute. Add the remaining liquid and stir for another minute. Fold in dates. Pour at once into well buttered pan. Bake in a 375° F. preheated oven for about 30 minutes. Serve warm with orange, lemon or chocolate sauce.

Orange Ambrosia Cream Dessert

8-inch spring form pan — 8 Servings

- 1 dozen lady fingers
- 1 package orange-flavored gelatine
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 can (3½ or 4 oz.) flaked coconut or shredded coconut, cut fine
- 1 cup Evaporated Milk, chilled icy cold
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 orange for garnish

Line sides of spring form pan with split lady fingers or sponge cake slices. Mix gelatine and sugar. Add boiling water. Stir until dissolved. Add orange rind and juice. Stir in coconut. Chill until consistency of unbeaten egg white. Chill small bowl and beater. Whip chilled Evaporated Milk until it will hold a peak. Add lemon juice. Whip until very stiff. Fold thoroughly into gelatine. Turn into lined spring form pan. Chill until set. Remove side of pan. Garnish with orange segments.

CUT PAGES APART AND SAVE

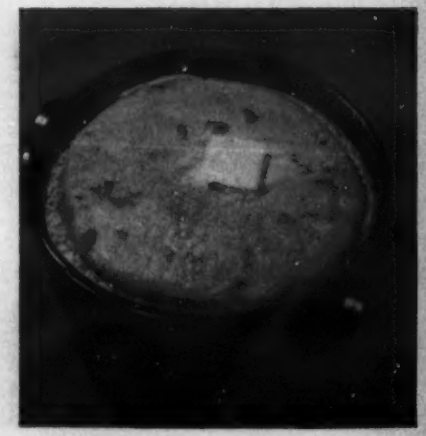
Spoon Bread

6 Servings

1½ quart casserole — 325° F. preheated oven—45-50 minutes

- ⅔ cup Evaporated Milk
- ⅔ cup water
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup Evaporated Milk
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 egg whites

Heat the ⅔ cup Evaporated Milk and the water. Add corn meal and salt and stir until of a mushy consistency. Remove from heat and add melted butter and the 1 cup Evaporated Milk. Add slightly beaten egg yolks and baking powder. Mix well. Fold in egg whites beaten until stiff but not dry. Pour into well buttered casserole and bake in a 325° F. preheated oven for 45-50 minutes or until high and golden brown. Serve at once with plenty of butter.



Creamed Dried Beef De Luxe

4 Servings

- 1 4-oz. package dried beef
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 can condensed cream of celery soup
- ⅓ cup water
- 1 cup Evaporated Milk
- ⅛ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Pull dried beef apart into small pieces. If beef is very salty, rinse first in warm water. Drain well. Melt butter over low heat in a 2-qt. saucepan. Add onion and cook until onion is yellow and transparent. Add beef and cook gently until edges curl. Blend in soup, then stir in water, Evaporated Milk and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to serving temperature. Serve over baked potato or toast.

Note: A 5-oz. jar of dried beef may be substituted for the package if desired.

Two-in-One Chocolate Sauce —the Smoothest Ever!

Makes 1½ cups

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 squares baking chocolate
- 1 cup Evaporated Milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Few grains salt

IT'S A TOPPING: Melt butter and chocolate together in saucepan over low heat. Add remaining ingredients and cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is smooth and thick. Serve warm or cool. Especially delicious on the Custard Cream Puffs and Date Gingerbread shown elsewhere among these recipes.

IT'S ALSO A BASE FOR COCOA: Combine 1 cup Evaporated Milk and 1 cup water in saucepan and heat. Add ¼ cup chocolate sauce and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until cocoa is smooth and serving temperature. Do not boil. Makes 3 servings. Looks swish in glassware with a whipped topping, is an easy every day treat in tall mugs.

Easy-to-serve Lemon Cups go to the table in custard-cup bakers. Big walnut halves perch atop

1 Here we've already combined the sugar, flour, salad oil, and salt (in bowl with wooden spoon) and stirred in the lemon peel and juice.

Now beat the egg yolks. Stir the hot milk into the yolks—in a slow stream so there will be no lumps of cooked egg. Blend this into the sugar-lemon mixture.

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2 Beat the egg whites till stiff (but still moist and glossy) and fold into the mixture. Leave a few little fluffs of white—don't fold too thoroughly.

To fold in, gently cut down through mixture, across bottom of bowl, up and over close to surface. This way you'll keep the air you beat into the egg whites *in*.

All-in-one dessert—

airy cake plus lemon sauce

Yes, you whip up only one mixture—but see what happens in the oven! A fluffy sponge cake bobs to top with tangy lemon sauce beneath! It's a top favorite for the whole family

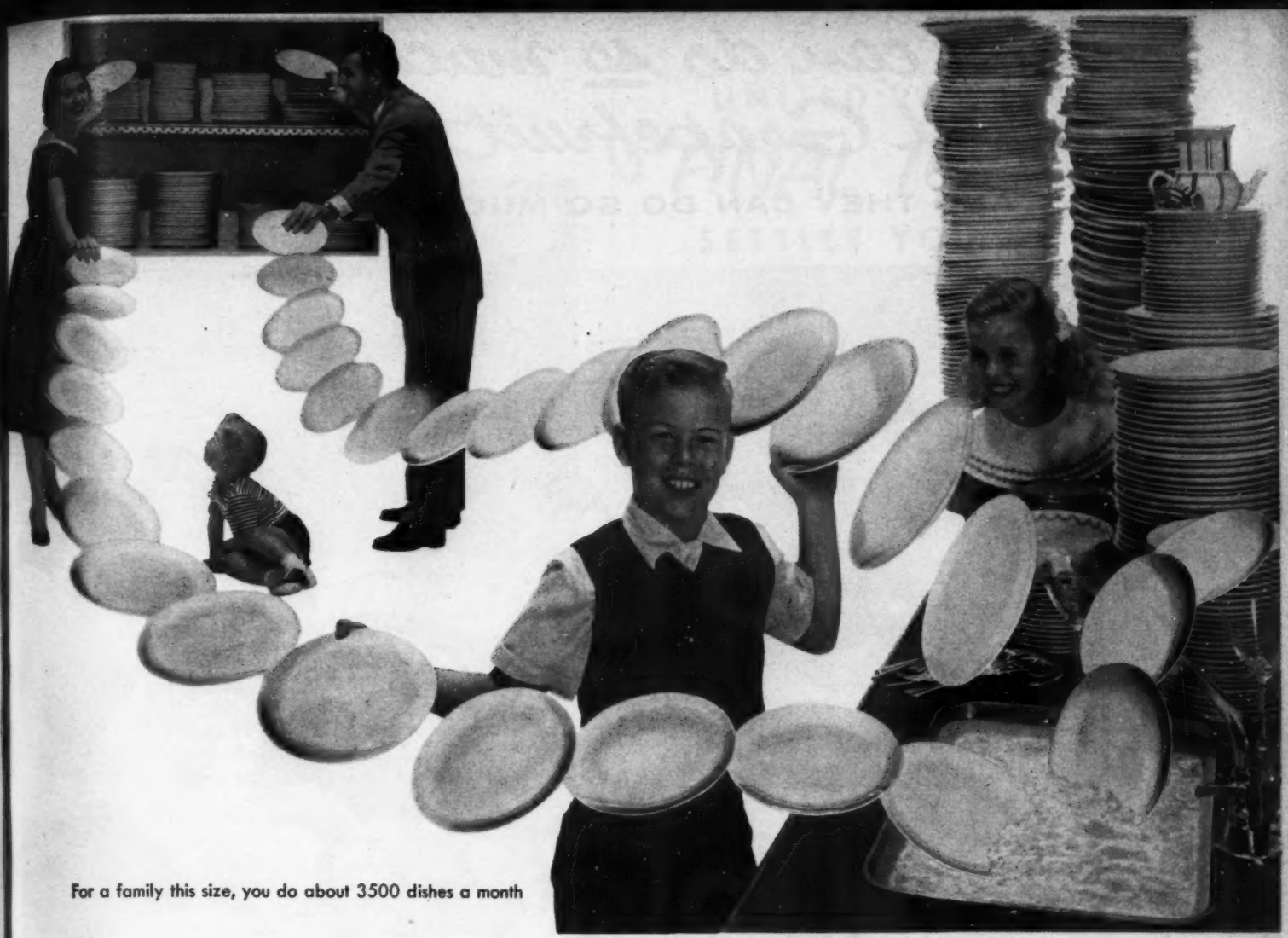
Lemon Cups

- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup sifted enriched flour
- 2 tablespoons salad oil or melted shortening
- Dash salt
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- ⅓ cup lemon juice
- 1½ cups milk, scalded
- 3 beaten egg yolks
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Combine sugar, flour, salad oil, and salt. Add lemon peel and juice, Stir milk into egg yolks and add to lemon mixture. Fold in egg whites. Pour into eight ungreased 5-ounce custard cups filling ⅔ full. Set custard cups in a shallow pan, filling pan to 1 inch with hot water. Bake in slow oven (325°) 40 minutes, or till cake part (atop the sauce) is done. Serve warm or chilled. Garnish it with walnut halves or whipped cream. Serves 8.

3 Pour into custard cups, filling them ⅔ full. Set cups in a shallow baking pan, then fill pan to one inch with hot water (this keeps the custard sauce smooth).

No spills if you pour the water in at the oven. Bake in a slow oven about 40 minutes. There's your surprise dessert—cake and lemon sauce in every bite!



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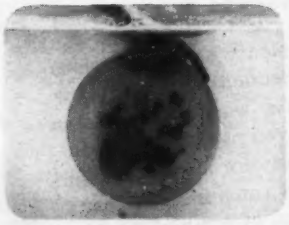

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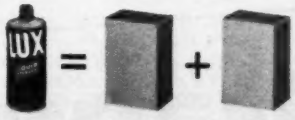

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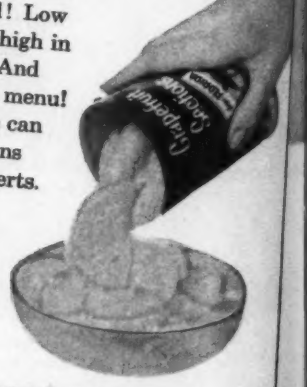

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6 Chili Hot Dogs
7 Frankfurters ready for coney buns

Pass hot buttered cut corn. There's a meal! Just add a pretty platter of chilled fruits for a salad-dessert "combo."

The **Creole Franks (2)** bubble in a tart-sweet sauce just long enough to take on the good blend of flavors—a medley of tangy pineapple juice with catsup, chili powder, chopped onion, and green pepper.

Each **Wingding Wiener (3)** is toothpicked in a bread blanket, like a little pig in a poke, and broiled till toasty. Bread is first dipped in grated Parmesan cheese, then spread with prepared mustard and chopped onion. When serving, peg olives on the toothpicks to make Wingding Wieners look like big time on your buffet table.

For a cool, hearty meal-in-one, be sure to try our chef's special, **Supper Salad Bowl (4)**. Here's what makes it stick-to-the-ribs fare: diced frankfurters, macaroni, cubed Cheddar cheese, hard-cooked eggs in a peppy dressing.

A "Weenie" Schnitzel (5)—no relation to "Wiener Schnitzel" (the name's all in fun, of course)—is a hollowed-out bun plumped with a filling of chopped wieners and hard-cooked eggs and shredded cheese, all deliciously spiked with mustard, chili sauce, pickle relish, and garlic salt. Each bun is wrapped in foil, then baked until the cheese melts. M-m-m!

Chili Hot Dogs (6)—you've guessed it—frankfurters heated in chili with beans and ground beef.

For all we've "put on the dog" with these wiener dishes, let's not forget the wonders of plain franks clapped into hot buns and generously laced with all the fixings (mustard, catsup, chili sauce, pickles). But for fancy service see the **frankfurters (7)** in the green pottery casserole awaiting a heat-up in boiling water from the new, electric, copper teakettle—perhaps you'd like to plug it in on the porch. Just pour the steaming water over the franks and cover for 7 or 8 minutes (that's all it takes because frankfurters are a ready-cooked meat). Let folks use the tongs to transfer franks to coneys.

Below start the easy recipes guaranteed to make frankfurters put on airs and taste *extra good*.

Creole Franks

5 slices bacon, diced
½ cup chopped onion
1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
¾ cup catsup
½ teaspoon chili powder
12 frankfurters
¼ cup chopped green pepper

Cook bacon but do not crisp. Add onion and cook till tender but not brown. Stir in pineapple juice, catsup, and chili powder. Score franks diagonally at 1-inch intervals; add. Cover and bring to boil; add green pepper, simmer 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

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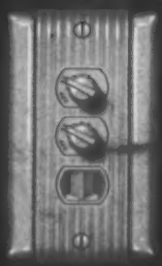

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Red Hots en Kabob

These have "class"! Fun to eat, and the flavor's wonderful!—

½ pound (4 to 5) frankfurters, cut in 1-inch chunks
16 small cooked or canned onions
16 canned pineapple chunks, drained
2 green peppers, cut in 1-inch squares
1 recipe Soy-sauce Marinade

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8 9- or 10-inch skewers

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8 slices bacon, cut in half crosswise
2 large firm tomatoes, cut in eighths

With sharp knife score cut ends of frankfurter pieces. Soak franks, onions, pineapple, and green peppers 3 hours or overnight in Soy-sauce Marinade. Wrap a bacon piece around each pineapple chunk. Alternate the chunks of frankfurter, vegetables, and bacon-wrapped pineapple on skewers. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat 5 to 7 minutes on first side; turn and broil 3 to 4 minutes longer or till bacon is done. While cooking, brush occasionally with **Soy-sauce Marinade:** Combine ½ cup soy sauce, ⅓ cup catsup, ¼ cup salad oil, ¼ cup vinegar, 1 teaspoon thyme, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Wingding Wieners

Pert, peekaboo toast jackets sport Parmesan cheese and mustard and onion—

8 frankfurters
Butter or margarine
8 thin slices bread (crusts removed)
Grated Parmesan cheese (about ½ cup)
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
3 tablespoons prepared mustard

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8 large stuffed green olives

Cover frankfurters with boiling water; let stand 8 minutes; drain. Butter bread; dip buttered side in grated cheese. Combine onion and mustard; spread on unbuttered side of bread and place a frankfurter diagonally across each slice. Fasten 2 opposite corners of slice with toothpick. Place bread side down on broiler pan 3 inches from heat. Broil 2 to 3 minutes on each side to toast. Perch stuffed olives on toothpicks. Makes 4 or 8 servings according to appetite.

Supper Salad Bowl

An up-to-the-minute version of that old favorite, macaroni salad—

4 hard-cooked eggs
1 7-ounce package (1½ cups) elbow macaroni, cooked, drained, and chilled
½ pound (4 or 5) frankfurters, diced
¾ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup diced pimiento
¾ to 1 cup diced sharp Cheddar cheese
½ cup chopped onion

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½ to ⅔ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
2 teaspoons salt

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1 green pepper, cut in rings

Sieve egg yolks and set aside. Chop egg whites and combine with macaroni, frankfurters, diced green pepper, pimiento, cheese, and onion. Combine mayonnaise, mustard, and salt. Add to salad mixture; toss to mix. Chill. Garnish with green-pepper rings and fill centers with sieved egg yolk. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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"Weenie" Schnitzel

Really not even a kissing cousin of "Wiener Schnitzel," but awfully good eating—

2 cups finely chopped frankfurters
⅓ cup shredded sharp process American cheese
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
3 tablespoons chili sauce
2 tablespoons pickle relish
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
½ to ¾ teaspoon garlic salt

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6 coney buns, split

Combine all ingredients except buns. Partially hollow out soft centers of buns; fill with frankfurter mixture and close. Wrap each bun in aluminum foil, sealing securely. Place on baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (375°) 10 to 12 minutes. (Or heat on grill over coals.) Makes 6 servings.

Chili Hot Dogs

Mighty good chili dolled up with franks and a can of tomato soup—

1 pound ground beef
½ cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon fat
1 1-pound can (2 cups) chili with beans
8 frankfurters, cut diagonally in ¼- to ½-inch slices
1 can condensed tomato soup
½ cup chili sauce
½ teaspoon salt

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¼ cup diced green pepper

In large skillet, lightly brown meat and onion in hot fat. Add chili, frankfurters, soup, chili sauce, and salt. Heat thoroughly. Add green pepper. Garnish with diagonal cuts of frankfurters and ripe-olive slices. Makes 8 servings.

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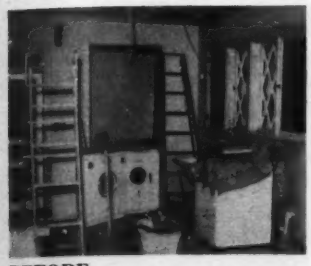

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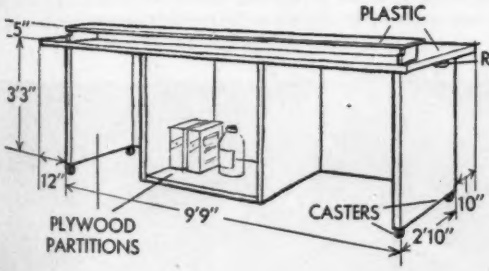
THAT'S HOW FAST the long counter rolls back—and there's the laundry equipment ready to go to work! The rest of the time it's a place for fun for the Kenneth Iversons of Wayzata, Minnesota

By Anne Hellickson

LAUNDRY. Counter is on casters, so moving it is an effortless, one-woman operation. Counter top is convenient place for folding or dampening laundry. Like the floor and furniture, it is plastic-covered so spills and spots wipe up easily. Compartment in bottom holds laundry supplies. Window in original room was boarded up to make storage space at end of counter—notice top section opens for ventilation

FAMILY ROOM. Children's handicraft work won't mar sturdy counter top. Deep overhang gives them room to sit close up without bumping knees. Crayons, scissors, and clay all go into the storage compartments in the converted window. Portion at back of counter is raised to accommodate faucets on sink, is on a level with window sill so plants get lots of light

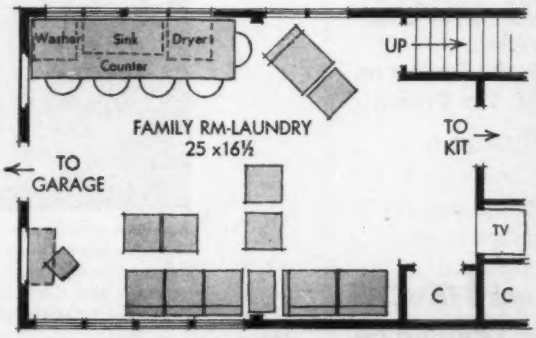


Counter is just a big plywood box sized to fit over appliances. Plywood partitions support counter top, fit between the sink and appliances.

Rubber caster attached to left side at counter level rolls along wall, prevents scuffing of paint.

Notice in the plan how the Iversons arranged all their furniture so none of the pieces need to be moved when the laundry equipment is being used.

The arrangement allows plenty of seating space for large groups. Lightweight pieces can be moved wherever they're needed, grouped around the television set for visiting viewers.



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Sectional pieces make it simple to change furniture arrangement to suit activity in room. Wall colors diminish room's long, narrow look: white on long side walls, dark blue on end walls to give appearance of coming forward

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For extra spiciness, give filling a healthy shake of nutmeg or cinnamon before weaving the pretty lattice top. You'll have one "peach" of a pie.

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Step-by-step pictures tell how

In small bowl, combine ¾ cup sugar, 3 tablespoons enriched flour, and ¼ teaspoon nutmeg or cinnamon. Add to 5 cups sliced fresh peaches. (For drained canned or frozen peaches, use only ⅓ cup sugar.) Mix lightly with wooden spoon

A rubber spatula makes neat job of spreading peaches evenly in pastry-lined 9-inch pieplate. If you like lots of spice, now's the time to sprinkle fruit with extra nutmeg or cinnamon. Or you may add a few drops almond extract. Dot filling with 2 tablespoons butter and you're ready to weave lattice crust top

Perfect Peach Pie. A lattice crust frames the sunshine of summer peaches at their juicy best. Bring the pie to the table in its handsome basket server. Cut it in big wedges while warm from the oven and fragrant with spice. Pass a pitcher of cream or top each piece with a snowy peak of whipped cream

Lattice crust: Cut strips of dough ¾ inch wide with pastry wheel or knife. Place five strips lengthwise across pie at 1-inch intervals. Now weave first cross strip through the center. To help you weave cross strips over and under, fold back alternating pastry strips going the other direction, as in the picture

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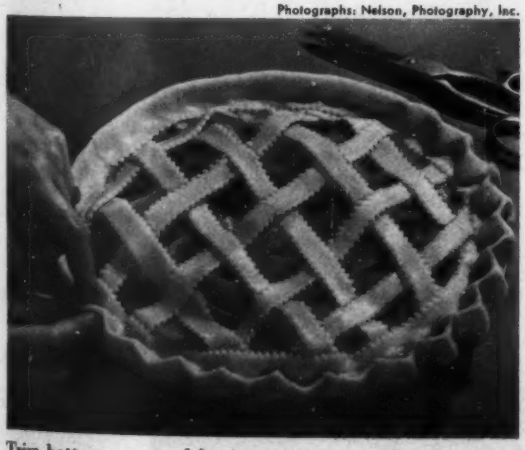
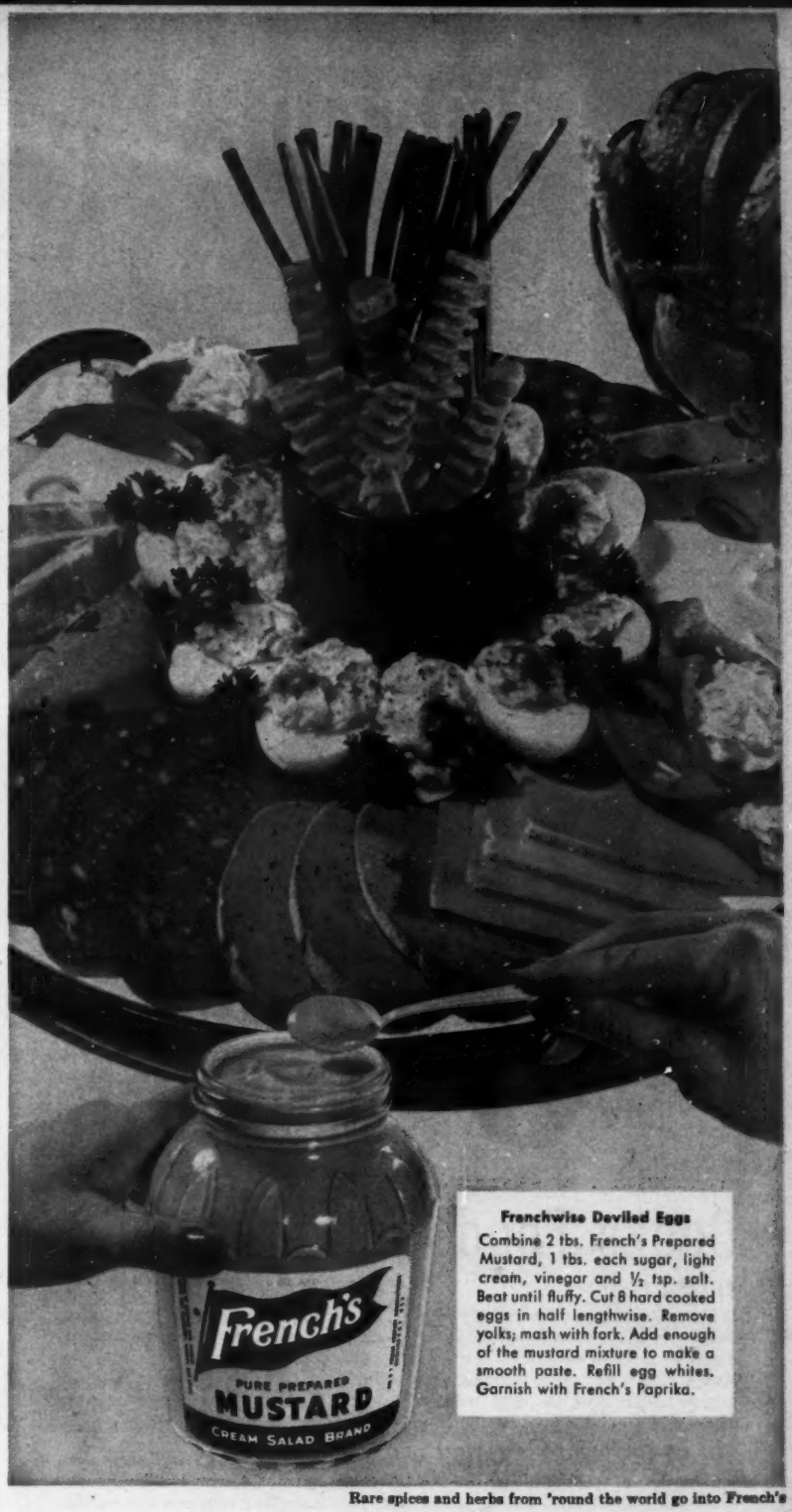


Trim bottom crust and lattice strips even with outer rim of pieplate. Seal edges. Now dampen edge and place extra strip of pastry over it, covering lattice ends. Seal the edges and crimp by pressing forefinger between thumb and forefinger of other hand. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 40 to 45 minutes



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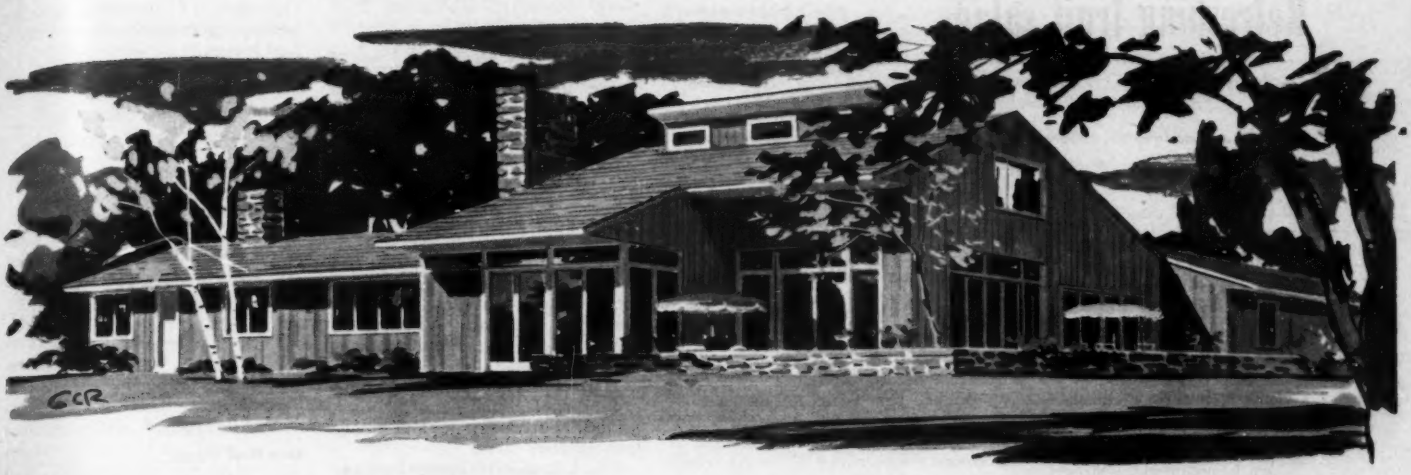
BEFORE

So TV set could be built into corner at this end of room, part of wall was removed at the back of hall closet

AFTER. The Iversons wanted room for parties, so they built the TV set into a corner where it doesn't use up valuable floor space. Low benches are padded for comfort, covered with a washable leather-like plastic

Second window on garage end of room was boarded up too, in this case to provide desk space and storage for Mrs. Iverson's painting supplies. When not in use, writing surface closes flush with the cabinet doors above it

THE HOUSE . . . designed by Architect Philip Ives, A. I. A.



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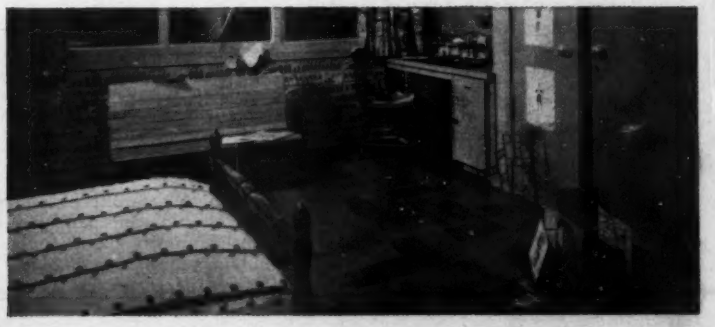

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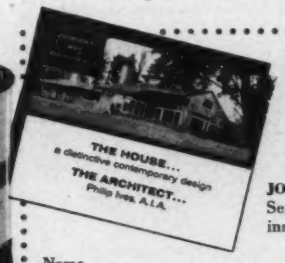

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Refreshing fruit salads

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Tuna Mousse

Cool, satisfying make-ahead for a summer luncheon—

2 envelopes (2 tablespoons) unflavored gelatin
½ cup cold water
1 cup mayonnaise
2 6½- or 7-ounce cans (2 cups) tuna, flaked
½ cup diced celery
¼ cup chopped stuffed olives
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1½ teaspoons horse-radish
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika

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1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve over boiling water; stir into mayonnaise. Add remaining ingredients except cream. Mix well. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into 10x6x1½-inch pan. Chill till firm. Cut in squares to serve. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Frosted Grapes

A picture-pretty garnish for any salad plate—

Brush clusters of grapes with slightly beaten egg white (or use fruit juice). Sprinkle grapes with sugar. Let dry before arranging on plate or platter.

Perfect Iced Tea

Refreshing cooler that's hard to beat—

To make 4 glasses of iced tea, measure 2 tablespoons (6 teaspoons) tea leaves (or 6 tea bags) into teapot. Pour 2 cups fresh, vigorously boiling water over the leaves. Cover and let tea stand 5 minutes. Stir a second or two. Then pour brew through a tea strainer into a glass, earthenware, or enameledware pitcher (warm glass pitcher first with hot water so it won't break). Immediately add 2 cups cold water and let tea cool at room temperature till you're ready to serve it. Pour tea into tall ice-filled glasses. Offer juicy lemon wedges and sugar. **Tasting-Test Kitchen note:** If you happen to make tea too strong or forget to pour the brew off in time, it's apt to cloud. To make it sparkle again, pour tea into pan and reheat (don't boil) till clear. Remove from heat immediately and add about ½ cup *boiling* water for each quart tea.

Minted Iced Tea

Easy to make for the crowd—

Bring 1 quart fresh cold water to brisk boil in saucepan. Remove from heat and while water is still bubbling, add ⅓ cup tea leaves (or 15 tea bags with tags removed) and 5 sprigs fresh mint. Bruise mint slightly with spoon. Stir well. Let stand uncovered 5 minutes. Pour 1 quart fresh cold water into pitcher. Stir tea brew and strain into same pitcher. *Do not refrigerate.* Serve in ice-filled glasses, with lemon and sugar to taste. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Salad Sandwich Bars

You can make these four-decker sandwiches ahead, frost with cream cheese later—

Egg-salad Filling: Combine 4 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 3 tablespoons mayonnaise, 2 teaspoons prepared mustard, 1 teaspoon grated onion, ½ teaspoon salt, and dash pepper.

Ham Filling: Combine 1 cup ground cooked ham, 2 tablespoons minced pimiento, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise.

Chicken-salad Filling: Combine one 5-ounce can (½ cup) boned chicken, ¼ cup chopped celery, ¼ cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons pickle relish.

To fix sandwiches: For 8 servings you'll need 16 slices sandwich bread. Trim crusts and butter one side of slices. Spread 4 slices, butter side up, with Egg-salad Filling. Cover each with second slice; spread with Ham Filling; cover with third slice; spread with Chicken-salad Filling. Top with fourth slice, butter-side down. Wrap sandwiches in aluminum foil; chill several hours or overnight. Before serving, cut sandwiches in half. Stir two 8-ounce packages cream cheese to soften; blend in 6 tablespoons milk; beat smooth; spread generously over tops and sides of bars. Garnish with "flower": ripe-olive petals, green-pepper-strip stems and leaves.

Banana Ham Rolls

Tasty, unusual duo—easy to fix—

6 thin slices boiled ham
Prepared mustard
3 medium green-tipped or all-yellow bananas
Butter or margarine

Spread ham slices lightly with mustard. Peel bananas; cut in half crosswise. Wrap ham slice around each banana half; fasten with toothpick. Place on greased, shallow baking pan; brush with melted butter. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 25 minutes, or till bananas are tender. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

Deviled Eggs

Showy and zingy—just the thing for a salad platter—

6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
½ teaspoon dry mustard *or* 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
¼ teaspoon paprika
2 or 3 drops Tabasco sauce

Halve the eggs lengthwise; remove yolks, and mash. Combine the egg yolks with remaining ingredients. Refill egg whites. Chill. **Note:** If you want the yolk mixture to mound high, cook a few extra eggs; use yolks in filling; chop extra whites to use as salad garnish.

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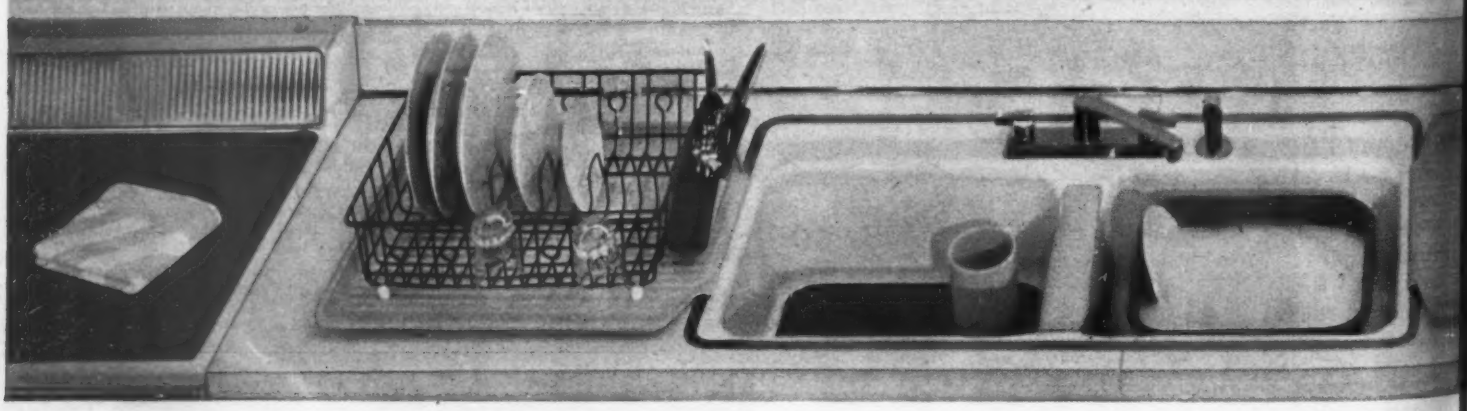

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Shrimp Salad Special

You cook the shrimp in a spicy mixture for subtle flavor—

6 cups water
1 stalk celery with leaves, chopped
2 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons mixed pickling spices or shrimp spice
1 sprig parsley
1 bay leaf

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1½ pounds uncooked fresh or frozen shrimp, peeled and cleaned

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¼ cup tarragon vinegar

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1 cup sliced celery
3 hard-cooked eggs, cut in eighths
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 tablespoon drained capers
Salt to taste

Combine first 7 ingredients and bring to boiling. Add shrimp. Cover; bring to boiling, then lower heat and simmer gently till shrimp turn pink, about 5 minutes. Drain. Add tarragon vinegar; let stand about ½ hour. Drain thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients, salting to taste; toss lightly. Chill well. Serve in lettuce cups. Pass additional mayonnaise. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Limeade

Have it on call to pour over ice in tall, pretty glasses—

½ teaspoon grated lime peel
Juice of 10 limes (¾ cup)
¾ cup sugar
2 cups water

Combine all ingredients and stir to dissolve sugar. Chill. Half-fill each glass with ice cubes or crushed ice; fill with lime mixture. Garnish with lime slices. Makes about 6 servings.

Black-raspberry Melon Ring

Beautiful frame for a chicken or tuna salad—

1 package black-raspberry-flavored gelatin
1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
2½ cups hot water
1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) unsweetened pineapple juice

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4 cups cantaloupe balls

Dissolve black raspberry and lemon gelatin in hot water. Add pineapple juice. Chill till partially set. Stir in melon balls. Pour into 2-quart oval or round ring mold. Chill till firm. Unmold on platter and fill center with Curried Chicken Salad. Makes 8 servings.

Curried Chicken Salad

Piquant, colorful, and so good with fresh fruits—

2 cups diced cooked or canned chicken
1 cup diced celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped onion

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½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 teaspoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 to 1½ teaspoons curry powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Combine chicken, celery, green pepper, eggs, and onion. Blend remaining ingredients; add to chicken mixture and toss lightly. Chill. Makes 3½ cups.

Potato Salad Cups

Dress-up for a perennial favorite—duet of dressings gives flavor bonus—

6 potatoes, cooked in jackets (4 cups cubed)
1 onion, chopped
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 cup chopped celery
1 cucumber, diced
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon paprika

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¼ cup French dressing

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Mayonnaise

Combine first 7 ingredients; chill in French dressing 4 to 6 hours. Before serving, add just enough mayonnaise to moisten and mix gently. If desired, add 1 teaspoon celery seed or 1 cup grated carrot. Pack in custard cups and unmold on lettuce. Makes 8 servings.

Cabbage-Pepper Slaw

Crisp, crunchy, and colorful with garden-fresh cabbage—

4 cups finely shredded crisp cabbage
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed
Dash pepper
½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
1 teaspoon prepared mustard

Combine chilled vegetables, sugar, salt, celery seed, and pepper. Combine mayonnaise, vinegar, and mustard; add to vegetables and toss to mix. Garnish with pimiento bits. Makes 6 servings.

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Pineapple Dressing

It's fluffy and creamy—delicious with fruit—

⅓ cup sugar
4 teaspoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice
¼ cup orange juice
3 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned

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2 beaten eggs
2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, softened

Combine dry ingredients in saucepan; blend in fruit juices. Cook, stirring constantly, till clear, about 5 to 8 minutes. Slowly stir into eggs. Return to saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 3 to 5 minutes, or till mixture thickens slightly. Let cool 5 minutes. Beat into cream cheese. Chill. Makes about 2 cups.

Honey Fruit Dressing

Delightful tang—rich color—

¾ cup clear French dressing
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons orange juice
¾ teaspoon paprika

Combine ingredients in jar; cover and shake vigorously. Chill. Shake well before serving. Makes 1 cup.

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Dunk into our best dips

LOOKING FOR a jiffy snack? For the easiest and friendliest ('cause *you're* free to enjoy the party, too), whip up a quick dip—your pick of our seven specials. Offer a dunk or two, bring on coffee or frosty juice, and the party's in full swing. Go fancy with napkins, servers, but keep the snack simple

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Night-owl nibbles. Nippy Cheese Dip in the double wooden bowl pairs with crunchy-cold radish roses, carrot curls, cauliflowerets, and pickle sticks.

Set out a big basket of potato chips or crackers and pretzels if you like. This dip's extra fluffy and light—easy to "spoon up" on a jumbo chip. Have piping coffee all set to pour for your midnight "lunch."

For after the movies. Here's a brand new treat to add to your snack repertoire—refreshing Cucumber-Cheese Dip with a subtle tang of onion and lemon.

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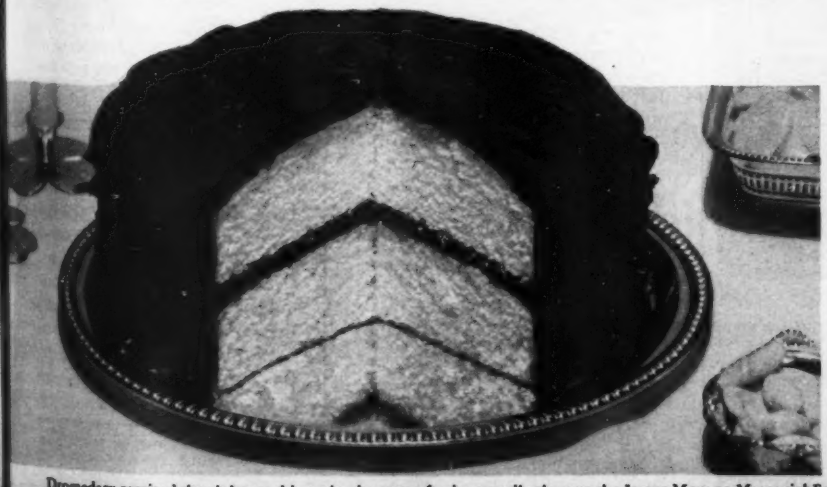

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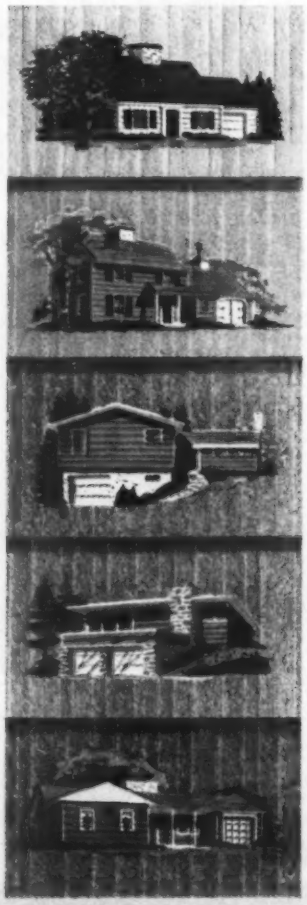

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Here's the scoop on ice cream fix-ups

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Pumpkin Stack-ups—Cinderella's pumpkin magic had nothing on this quick dessert from your freezer tray. It's the delightful blend of canned pumpkin, spices, and pecans folded into vanilla ice cream that turns the trick. Tiers of gingersnaps make the pretty layers

Chocolate-chip Cups

2 1-ounce squares semisweet chocolate or ⅓ cup semisweet chocolate pieces
1 teaspoon butter or margarine
1 pint vanilla ice cream
¼ cup finely chopped almonds, toasted

Melt chocolate and butter in double boiler over simmering water. Stir ice cream to soften; fold in nuts. Drizzle melted chocolate over ice cream, folding constantly to "chip" chocolate. Pour into 2-ounce paper cups or small dishes. Freeze till nearly firm. Remove from freezer and top each serving with a maraschino-cherry half and circle it with whole almonds, pointed end down. Freeze firm. Makes 6 to 7 servings.

Mocha Butterscotch Sauce

1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons instant coffee
1½ cups water
2 tablespoons cornstarch
3 tablespoons cold water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup broken California walnuts

In heavy skillet, melt sugar slowly over low heat, stirring constantly, till caramelized. Combine coffee with 1½ cups water; slowly add to sugar, stirring to blend. Combine cornstarch and 3 tablespoons water; stir into syrup mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add butter, salt, and nuts. Makes 1¾ cups.

Pumpkin Stack-ups

1 cup canned pumpkin
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup chopped pecans

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1 quart vanilla ice cream

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About 16 gingersnaps

Combine pumpkin, sugar, salt, and spices; add nuts. Stir ice cream to soften and fold in pumpkin mixture. Line bottom of 10x6x1½-inch shallow pan or refrigerator tray with half the gingersnaps; top with half of ice-cream mixture. Cover with gingersnaps, then add remaining ice-cream mixture. Freeze till firm. Cut in wedges and trim with pecan halves. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Grape Parfait Pie

1 package grape-flavored gelatin
1 cup hot grape juice
⅔ cup cold water
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
1 pint vanilla ice cream

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2 medium fully ripe, flecked-with-brown bananas
1 9-inch baked pastry shell

Dissolve gelatin in hot grape juice. Add cold water and lemon juice. Cut ice cream in 6 chunks; add to gelatin mixture and stir till melted. Chill mixture till it begins to thicken and mound when spooned (about 45 minutes). Slice one banana over bottom of cooled pastry shell; top with a layer of filling. Slice second banana over, then add remaining filling. Chill till set (1½ to 2 hours). If desired, garnish with sweetened whipped cream and extra banana slices.

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Dunk into our best dips

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Dipsy-doodle

Nice 'n spicy. Make it with sweet or dill pickle to match your taste—

- ½ pound liver sausage, unsliced
- 3 tablespoons chopped sweet or dill pickle
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup salad dressing
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- ¾ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ⅛ to ¼ teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- Salt to taste

Mix ingredients well, then chill. Remove from refrigerator ½ hour before serving. Makes about 1 cup.

Cucumber-Cheese Dip

Tangy, green garden onions, subtle cucumber flavor. Like a Dutch cucumber salad—

- 1 large cucumber
- 2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
- Salt and pepper

Coarsely grate unpared cucumber, then drain, reserving liquid. Stir cream cheese to soften; add lemon juice. Stir in onions and cucumber (½ cup drained). Season to taste with salt and pepper. If too thick, thin with liquid drained from the cucumber. Garnish with cucumber slices. Makes about 1 cup.

Deviled Cheese Dunk

All spiffed up with bright flecks of pimiento and parsley—

- 1 5-ounce jar pimiento-cheese spread
- 1 2¼-ounce can deviled ham
- ½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- Dash monosodium glutamate
- 4 drops Tabasco sauce

With electric mixer, thoroughly combine cheese spread, deviled ham, mayonnaise, parsley, onion, and seasonings. Chill. Serve with assorted crackers and potato chips. Makes about 1⅓ cups.

Nippy Cheese Dip

Fluffy and light, it boasts blue-cheese flavor snap—

- 1 3-ounce package cream cheese
- ¼ cup (1 ounce) crumbled blue cheese
- 1 tablespoon chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Blend the ingredients; beat well. Makes about 1 cup.

Smoky Dip

The smoke flavor and just-right lemon tartness give real dip zip!—

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 2 to 3 teaspoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 1 teaspoon liquid smoke
- ¼ cup light cream
- ¼ teaspoon garlic salt

Stir cream cheese to soften. Add remaining ingredients and mix well with electric mixer or rotary beater, or blend in blender. Makes about 1 cup.

Dibblers' Special

This dip's for dunkers who like it mild. For pep, dash in more Tabasco—

- 1 12-ounce carton (1½ cups) chive cream-style cottage cheese
- 3 to 6 drops Tabasco sauce
- Chopped parsley or chives

Place cheese and Tabasco sauce in blender, and blend until fluffy and creamy. (Or beat with a rotary or electric beater.) Garnish with parsley or chives. Serve with potato chips, pretzels, crackers. Makes 1½ cups.

Coral Shrimp Dip

Creamy-smooth with bits of pink shrimp. Extra easy when you use a blender—

- ½ pound fresh or frozen shrimp, cooked and cleaned, or 1 5-ounce can (1 cup)
- 1 cup cream-style cottage cheese
- 3 tablespoons chili sauce
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon onion juice
- ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- About ⅓ cup milk

Finely chop shrimp. Combine the shrimp, cheese, chili sauce, lemon juice, onion juice, and Worcestershire sauce with electric mixer or rotary beater, or blend in blender. Gradually beat in enough milk to give good dipping consistency. Serve with potato chips, crackers, celery. Makes about 2 cups.

Plum-good desserts

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Prunes-up Spice Cake

Special for the family—the traditional upside-down cake with prune-plums this time!—

- ⅓ cup butter or margarine
- ⅔ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup broken California walnuts
- 1½ pounds fresh Italian prunes, halved and pitted (3 cups)

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- 1 package spice-cake mix

Melt butter in 13x9x2-inch pan in oven. Sprinkle brown sugar and nuts over butter. Arrange prunes cut side down on mixture, overlapping them slightly. Prepare cake mix according to package directions; pour batter over prunes. Bake according to package directions. Cool in pan 10 minutes; invert on serving plate. Cut in squares; serve warm with hard sauce, whipped cream, or vanilla ice cream.

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Plan your study in a corner

By Polly Cramer

U-shaped study corner is as decorative and livable as rest of the house, yet every bit as complete as a downtown office. And the compactness of U-plan means more space in the room for other furnishings. Adjustable lamp suspends from ceiling, leaves desk top clean. Owners are: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Cornelius, Cincinnati, Ohio

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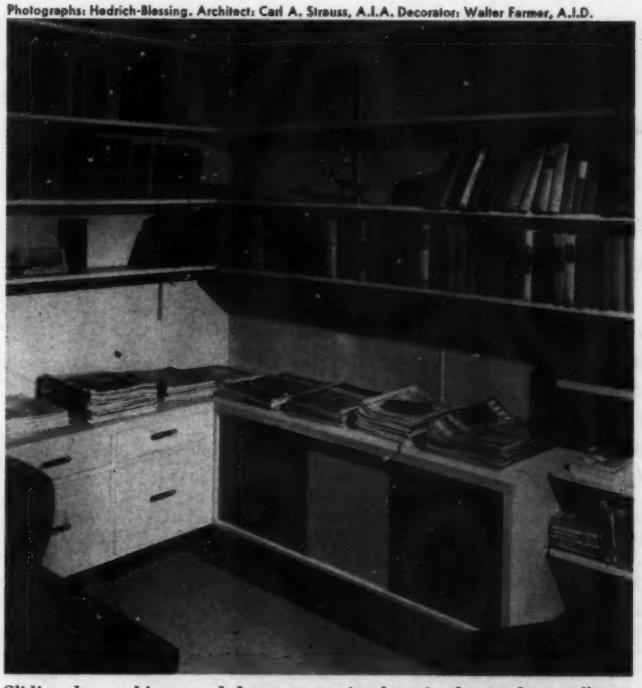

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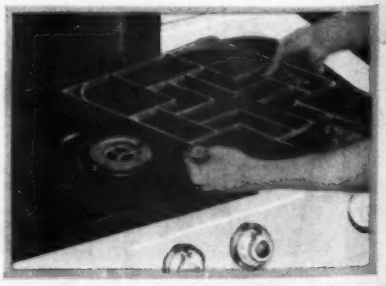

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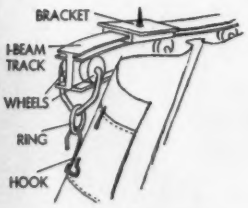
Draperies can be a wall

Draperies give privacy where you need it

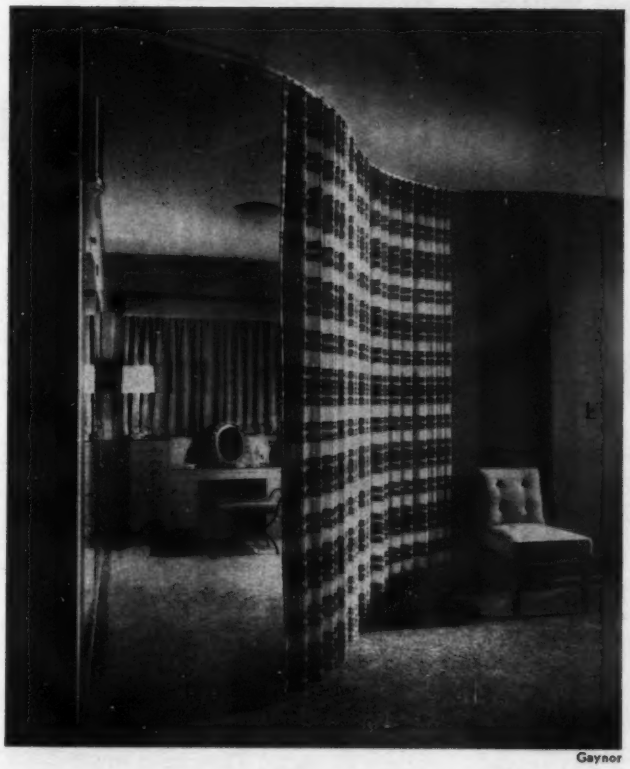
Draperies provide privacy for all or part of room. Here curved track hangs draperies in a graceful line between bedroom and dressing room. Could be divider for living and dining areas.

These draperies are matchstick bamboo, in colors to complement room.

With a wand or hand-pull at the top, you can pull draperies across easily, without any worry about soiling. G. E. Mecherly home, Tucson, Arizona.



Sketch shows how draperies hook into rings that roll smoothly along I-beam track attached to ceiling. Track can be custom-bent to suit your ceiling space



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Draperies can give you additional wall space

Broad sweep of the patterned draperies adds interest and wall space to a bedroom broken up by doors and windows.

Before draperies were hung to provide a background for the bed, all the available wall space had to be given over to chests and a dressing table. David Carter home, Ladue, Missouri.

Photographs: Harris

For greater convenience, each pair of these draperies operates independently. Draperies are usually left closed over the French doors to seldom-used balcony.

Draperies hang from regular window traverse rod fastened with ceiling brackets. Rod is curved to go around corner, hide the radiator and storage shelves.

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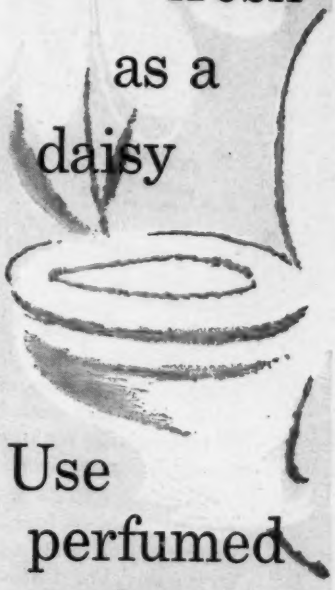

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A simple main dish of ground beef filling in pastry triangles was the prize-winning Junior recipe of 15-year-old Karen Folkmier.

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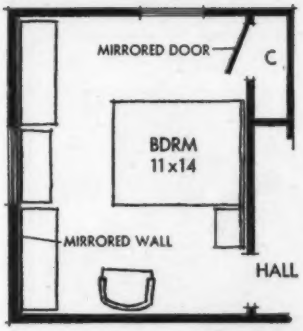
Three sections of mirror perform the room-enlarging trick and at the same time turn the pair of storage chests into a giant-size dressing table. Chests and bench below window are arranged into a low, horizontal line to add to the visual length of the room. From the home of Earl R. Liff, Glencoe, Illinois

With a fool-the-eye mirrored wall, your bedroom will look twice as big, twice as bright, twice as smart

By Ruth Lee



Arrangement of furniture allows ample space for dressing. Pair of chests stores belongings for two people adequately and separately

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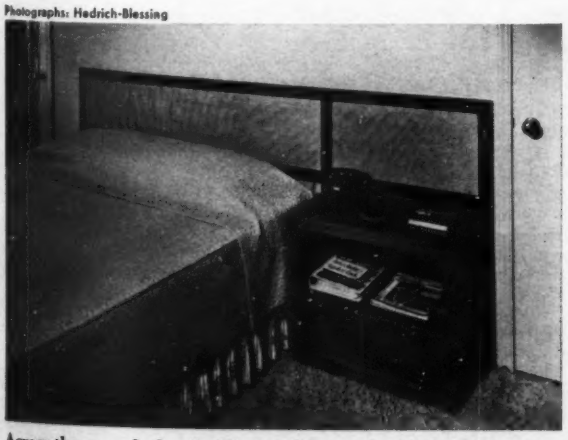
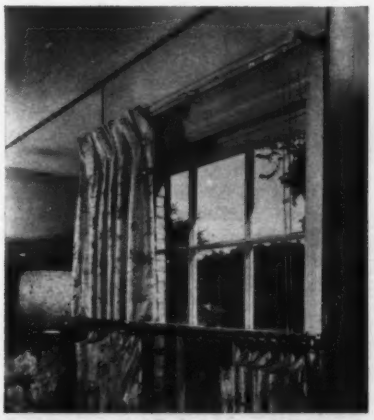


Across the room, bed and night stand fit snugly side by side between the two doors. Headboard frames both bed and stand, ties them together in long, continuous line that lengthens the wall. Another mirror on closet door to the left adds to the feeling of spaciousness



Closeup of window shows how mirror panels fit tight to window frame except at top. Space here allows drapery rod to be fastened above window to add to its height

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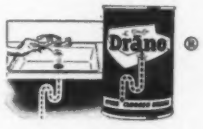

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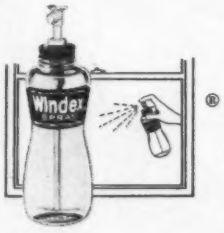

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Decorative trimming

JUST RIGHT TOUCHES of trim give individuality to your costumes, linens, and accessories. The personalized look can be built-in if you make your own things, or added to what you buy. Just remember to keep it simple

Let the trimmings guide their use

Search out trimmings in novelty and drapery departments. There are literally hundreds of different ones you can buy on cards or by the yard.

Each individual trim has its own character. Add it to clothing and accessories in a way that brings out its beauty.

Border trims show off to best advantage when they stretch out in a long line so the beauty of their pattern is part of design of clothes.

Edgings have one straight edge—one decorative. They give a finish to top, sides, or bottom of household articles and clothing. Are functional, too.

Just for fun and for something new in aprons, try stitching cafe-curtain topping as band of apron. Then slip loops over plastic apron ring.

Curved trimmings have a bias-cut effect and adjust to circular decoration as well as to straight treatment. They can be tacked on with a few hand stitches for special occasions and as quickly removed.

Try a trim like the cutout ovals and ball one shown here to add a quick removable yoke to a plain dress bodice.

Bias and rickrack are old standbys for trimming aprons and children's clothing. But the news is that they now come in a rainbow of colors; bias and rickrack can be matched or mixed beautifully.

Bias (in many widths) no longer stops at solid colors. You'll see plaids, diagonal stripes, tiny checks!

Tassels and fringe are gay and give added dash to party and working togs. These trimmings show up best when they're placed against a contrasting background so they stand out.

Give yourself a lift with preparty tasks by adding fringe on the bottom of your apron. Launders well if popped into a mesh bag.

adds distinction

For an occasional different look, "fringe up" the oh-so-smart wide-brimmed hat you wear this season. Just tack in place.

If the hat is dark, white fringe can give a clean-cut, original touch. Flat, long fringe like this is best.

Quick prettiness for your long jacket. Bold Greek key design stands out against solid color of jacket. Complements straight lines of outfit.

It's the only decoration used and so becomes important. Try it, too, on a sleeveless beach jacket. See page 156 for sewing tips.

Edging for collar and gloves can be stitched right in and permanent—or it can be tacked in place at a moment's notice when needed to key an outfit together.

Princess line of dress "sprouts" inset layers of pleats which start at waistline. Trimming is stitched to one side of pleat and as you walk, pleats flare open more.

Border trims of simple, strong design are best for this type of distinctive note to a basic dress.

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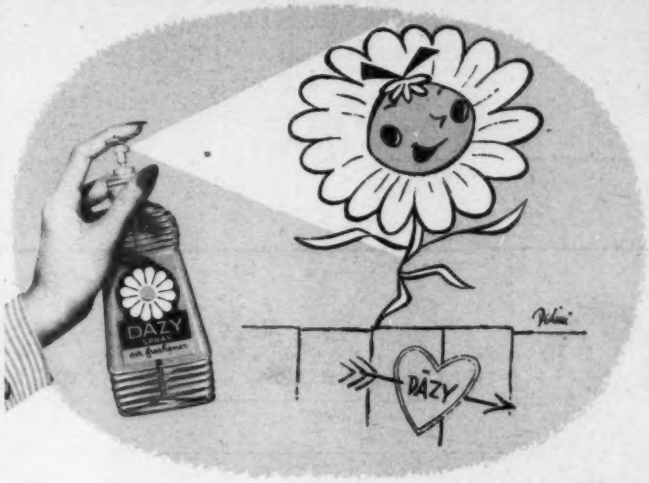

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Decorative trimming adds distinction

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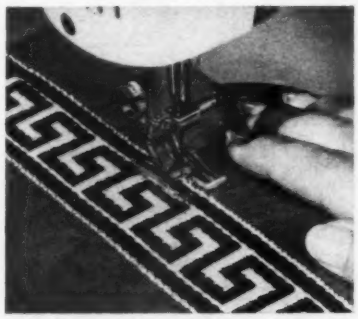
Trimmings are quickly sewed with these tips



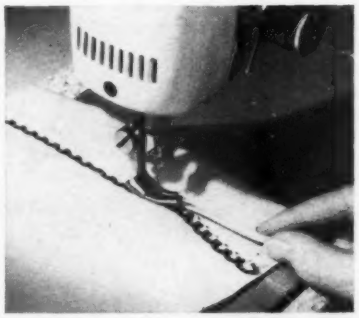
Often trimmings are stitched flat against fabric without a seam or edge to sew.

Zigzag stitching anchors this border trim and keeps the edges flat. When you use matching thread, you'll find that the stitches are invisible.

Photographs: Hopkins

Here's a quick-trim idea for lining up many rows of rick-rack or straight trimming.

Use a yardstick and lightly pencil lines. Do it before you sew seams in apron or skirt. Trim will cover the pencil lines, be straight and neat.



Trick for hem finish. Make ¼-inch fold, then press. Now fold fabric under about one inch and press again.

Inset edging as shown in picture and stitch once, just as you do for a simple hem. Hem is made and decoration added in one easy operation.

Tiny trim like this dainty rickrack slips and slides under needle when machine presser foot goes over it.

Clear cellophane tape can anchor and keep it in line. Now it's easy to stitch right in center. Tear tape away from stitching.

Inset trim in collar while making it. Cut two collar pieces from your pattern.

Now pin straight side of trim on one collar piece (on right side). Place along outside edge with decorated side turned in. Stitch in place.

Stitch collar pieces together, right sides facing. The width of your second seam will depend on the amount of trim you want exposed.

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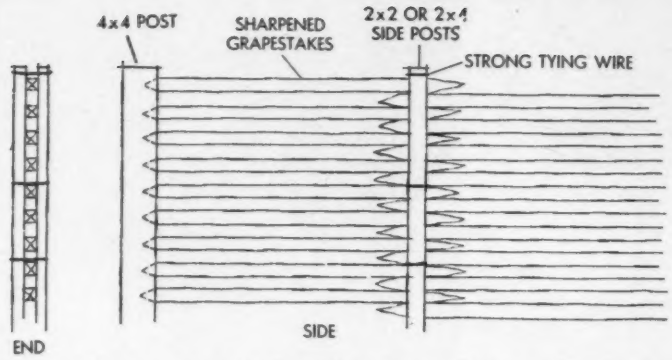

This modification of the traditional split-rail fence provides semiprivacy and superb mechanical support for climbing vines and flowers. Left unpainted, the horizontal grapestakes blend naturally with plants and require little maintenance. If desired, wood may be stained before fence is erected.

Set 4x4 corner post with holes for stake ends facing along fence path. Follow with deep-set center posts, then lay in alternating rows of grapestakes. Lash center posts together with heavy wire to keep stake ends anchored snugly.

How to put a fence to work

THE FENCES on these pages are all different, yet have one thing in common: they're working. That's why we like them. They do a job well and pay for the space they take. We're betting one of them will be an answer to your special fencing situation

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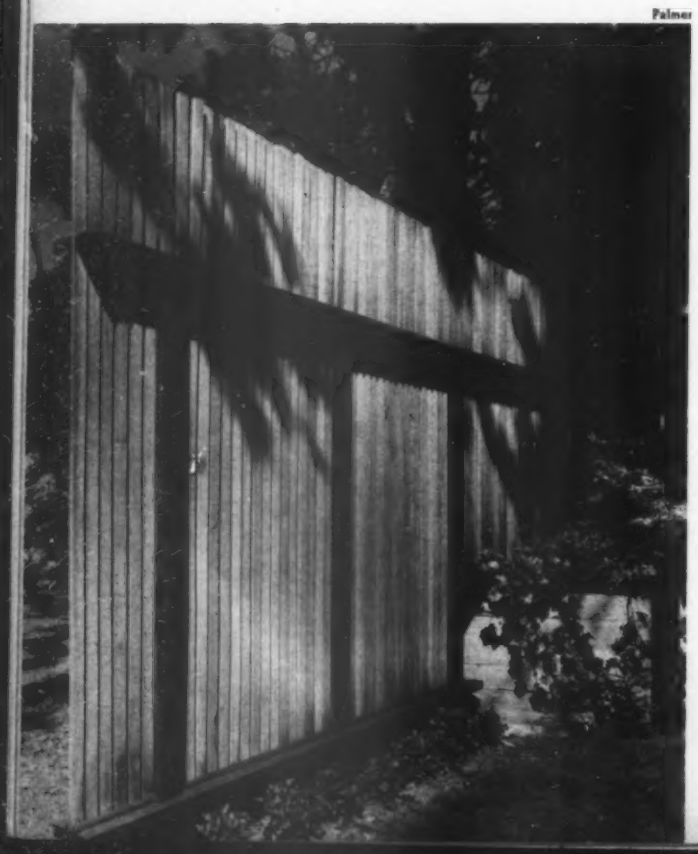
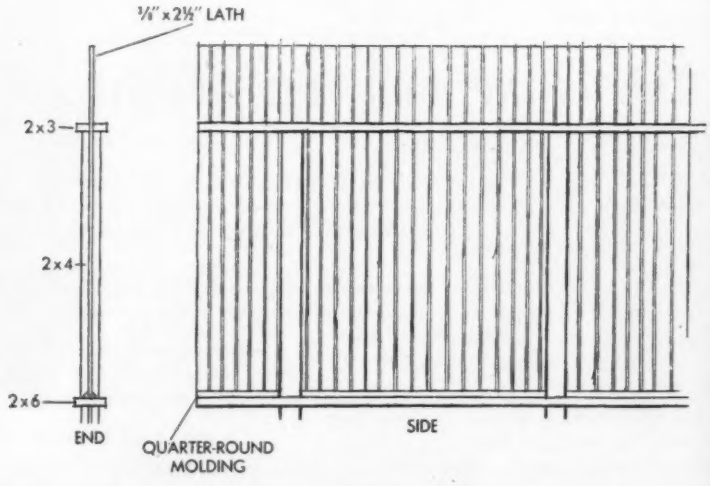


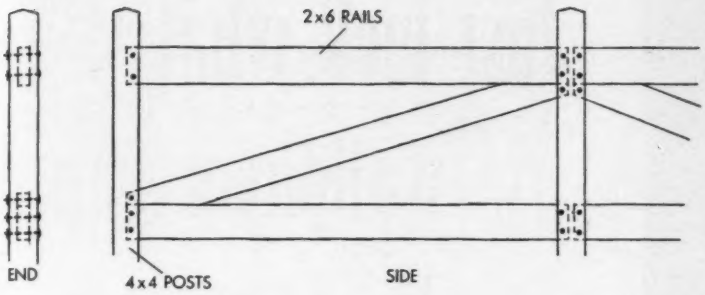


Deriving its graceful lines from an emphasis on the vertical, this lath screen partitions work-and-play areas in the garden. It filters breezes, turns back curious eyes, and offers soft light to shade flowers and plants in attached planting bed.

Color variations, in addition to changes in spacing between lath uprights, can modify design slightly to suit personal needs.

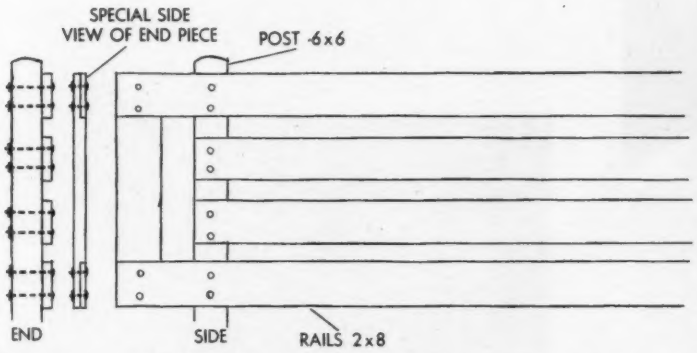
Sink 2x4s as support first, bolstering foundation with concrete to offset high-wind resistance offered by fence. Add slotted 2x6 for baseboard—cover lath and baseboard junction with quarter-round molding.

Two 2x3s, nailed to uprights near top, support 2½-inch lath. In addition, they give another horizontal line to the fence's predominately vertical appearance. Landscape Architects: Katy and Paul Steinmetz.



The ultimate in simplicity is this classical post-and-rail fence. Neat, sturdy, and handsome, it marks boundary lines or sets off special areas in the garden. On smaller lots, post and rail scaled to proportion looks equally good.

Simple pattern calls for straight lines—no place for loose posts or sagging rails. Sink posts in concrete for greater rigidity—set rails tightly in slotted post joints. Spacing between bottom rail and ground aids mowing chores.

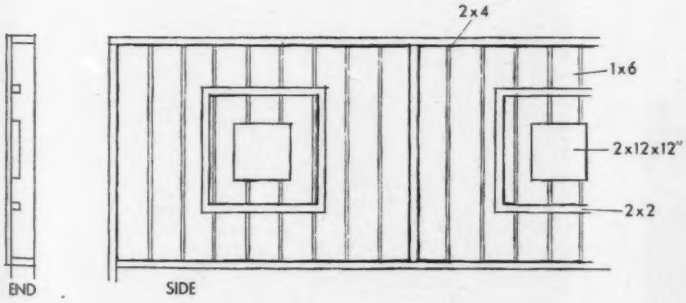


Photographs: Reynolds

Drive your car right up to this recessed gate and step out with ease. Provision for safe "landing" area off busy road blends neatly with fence pattern. Another effort toward over-all effect is achieved through use of simple panel designs on face of gate—rectangles which complete theme of fence lines.

Note wide-girth hinges—of prime importance on double-hung gate to prevent sagging in center. Construction with heavy lumber calls for bolts and lag screws to supplement nails. Concrete holds posts solidly in place.

For more fence know-how, see page 231



This fence breaks up long garden distances, offers attractive designs through an infinite variety of adaptable patterns. Note how the spacing and shading or the coloring of wood could easily change the appearance of the fence if desired.

Set 2x4s first, then horizontal pieces to form complete frame. Vertical 1x6s are nailed in back, spaced to filter light and breezes. Bolt or nail the design to background slats. Landscape Architect: William Kapranos.

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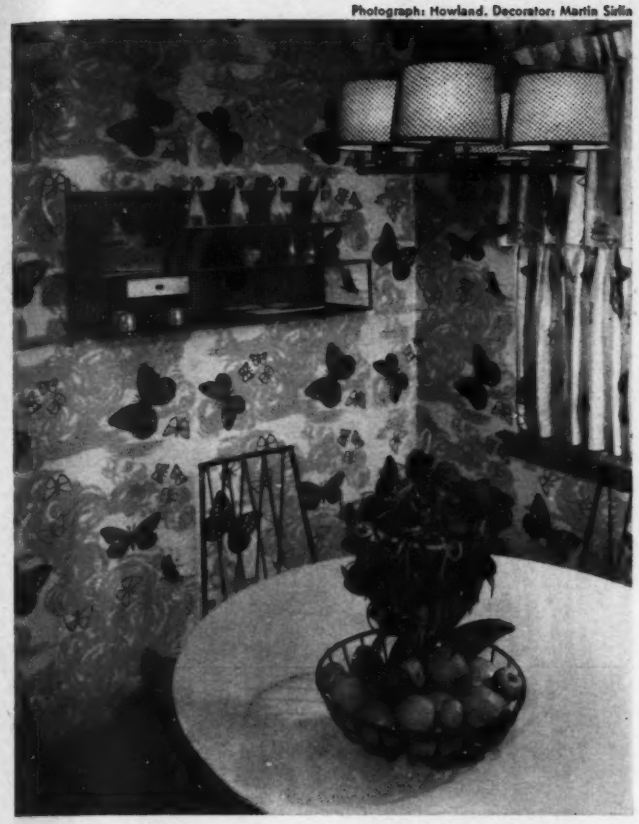
If you like a home that's different—really expresses you—wallpaper can help you get this atmosphere. The examples here prove it!

Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorator: Elggren & Kamins

Murals add depth to a room. **They actually seem to push back the walls. This mural set the color scheme, is in keeping with the formality of dining room. Note how it "turns the corner" to give a feeling of completion to the wall area. Robert Huestis home, Seattle**

Photograph: Howland. Decorator: Martin Sirlin



Pattern furnishes a room. Gay butterfly wallpaper brightens informal meals in this eating area. Chintz matching wallpaper is used at the small window to give room a unified look. Unusual patterns like this are best in small areas, rooms not in constant use

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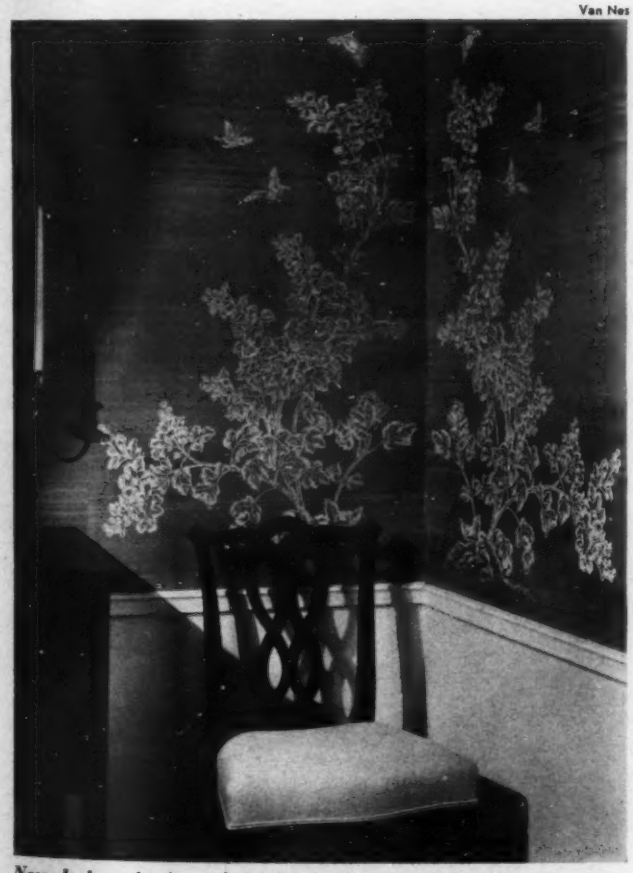

New designs invite originality. Solid gray silk wallpaper has matching panels with white tree design. Look for similar papers to accent an area of your room. It's done here to add interest, height to corner of dining room. Donald Samuels home, Scarsdale, New York

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Every wall has

ONCE AN UNUSED outdoor terrace—now this room in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldcamp, Cincinnati, is the center of all family activities. Plenty of storage space, comfortable furniture arrangements, practical materials make the room a success

At left, you see former outside wall, with bricks now painted white. Other three walls were added to make year-round room. New fireplace backs up the living-room fireplace. Making hearth height of table lets you use it like a big buffet table! (And there's no stooping over to clean out ashes.) Extra logs and kindling can go underneath

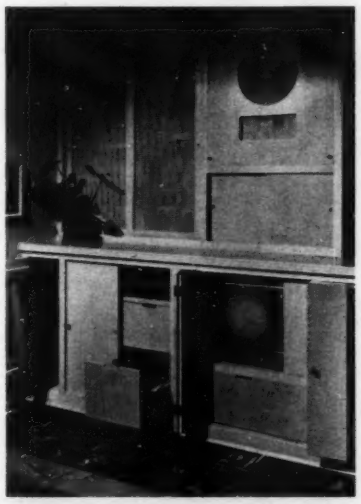
Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing. Decorator: Robert Cronley, A.I.D.

A closer look at these walls shows the hinged window seat (with storage beneath) and the louvered doors that replaced the old back door. Chest at the end of window seat holds movie equipment, and projector can be placed on top for use with the screen on opposite wall. Upholstery on all furniture is plastic with a linen-effect pattern

good ideas

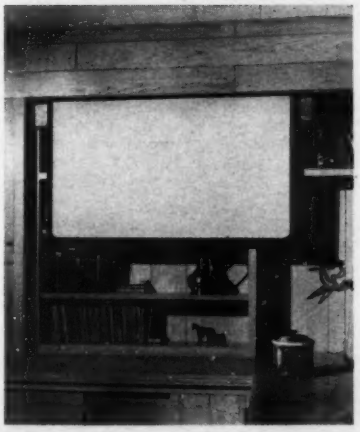
By Polly Cramer

Two more walls of ideas. One neatly stores television, phonograph, dishes, and books. The other is the dining-study wall. The drop-leaf table extends for meals, and the traveling fixture follows it so the light is always centered. Ceiling spots give general lighting to built-ins, window seat. Webbing on arm chairs is practical plastic



Open the cabinet doors and there's the whole music center. Records are stored above the TV set. Vertical space is especially for card tables.

Behind the caned doors are dishes for use in this room. Rubber tile makes a practical floor that can take it.



Hinged board in the molding drops down (to the right of the loudspeaker) and reveals movie screen that's inside. A stick with a hook on it helps reach the loop on the screen to pull it down.

Notice that the ceiling has been covered with acoustical tiles to absorb party noises.

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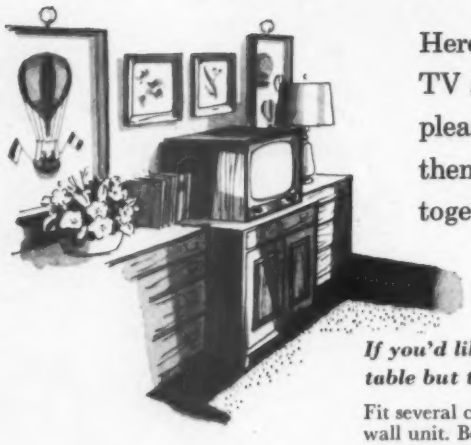


Here are six suggestions about placing your TV set so it gives you the most televiewing pleasure. There is a basic principle behind them all: Don't crowd the rest of furniture together and leave the TV set all by itself

If you'd like to put your TV set on the top of a bookcase or table but the set is too deep to fit properly:

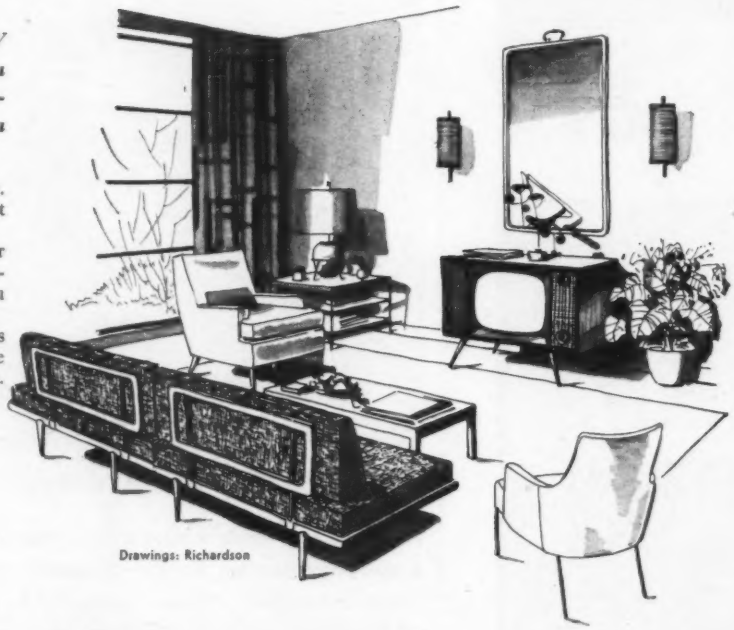
Fit several chests of similar size and style together side by side into a wall unit. Be sure they fit snugly, without any projecting overhangs. Pull the center chest forward enough that the set looks "comfortable" on top—extra depth will project unseen at the back. Complete the effect with pictures and accessories.

When you have a large TV set, but no fireplace you can arrange your furniture around to provide a center of interest:

Let the TV be the center. Group furniture around it as you would a fireplace.

Put pictures, mirrors, or accessories on the wall behind, much as though you were decorating a mantel.

Sofas with pretty backs can be used away from the wall, anywhere in the room.



Drawings: Richardson

If you have both a TV set and a fireplace, and you can't decide which of the two you should feature in arranging your room:

Feature both of them, by placing the set near the fireplace. Try putting the set on a bench at right angles to the fireplace.

Even in rooms with period flavor, such an arrangement is harmonious and handy.

A small portable can be faced wherever you like or moved when you want to use the bench for extra seating.

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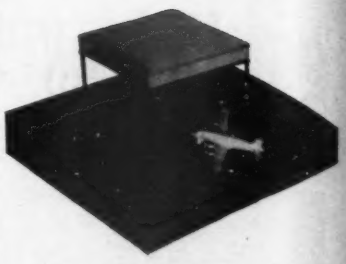

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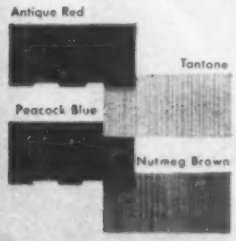

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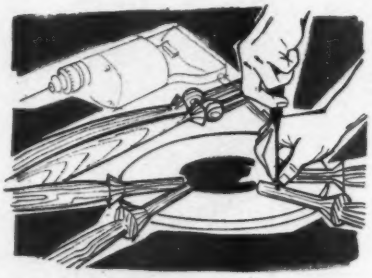
To make bamboo wind bells, decide where you want holes and center punch stock to accept drill tip so that it won't "creep" when drill starts.

Run a string in and out through verticals, bottom of horizontal. Then thread wires through top of horizontal to hang parallel, tie at top.

Paint light stripes on planter first, then dark. With masking tape, strip off sections to be covered with white.

Brush on white paint between tape strips, let dry. Sand or steel-wool lightly, paint again. When thoroughly dry, strip tape along white edges; apply colors.

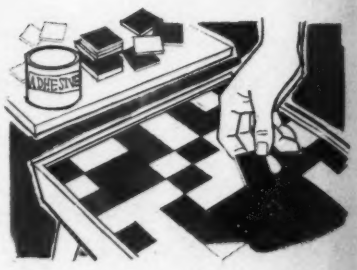


Sunburst center is fir plywood disc. Cut with jigsaw or coping saw. Sand face surfaces, edges. Apply coat of penetrating resin sealer, then paint color you prefer.

When dry attach bed spindles with glue, screws, or tiny brads. Predrill holes for screws—avoids splitting.

Fir plywood top for new table should be at least ¾-inch stock. Pencil pattern on top. Fit tiles in, daubing each with bit of mastic. Use nippers or pliers for cutting.

Grout joints when tiles are in place. Sponge off powdery residue when grouting sets.



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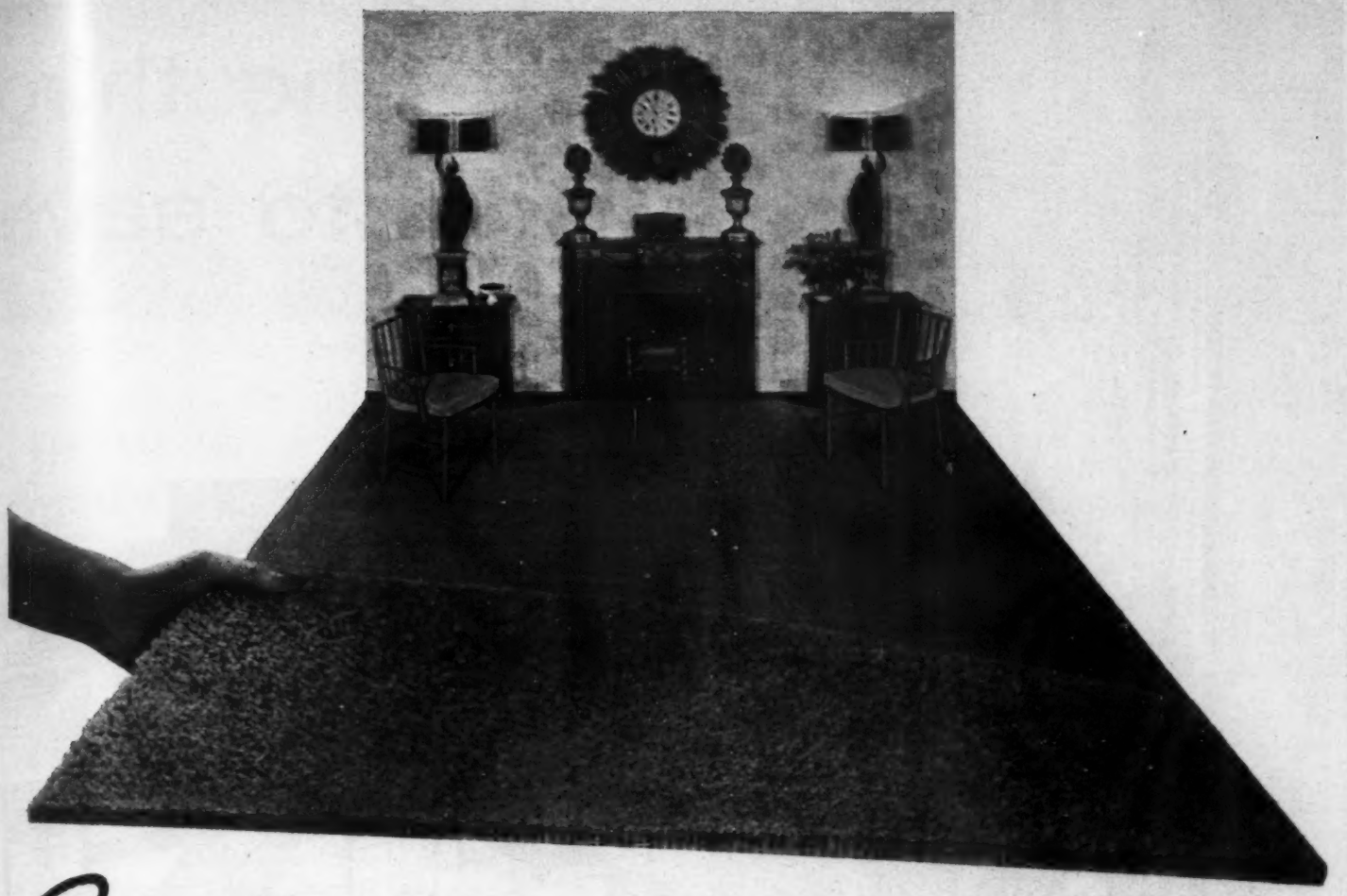

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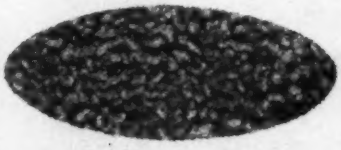
Cabin Crafts-Needletuft gives Nylon a new twist . . . a bold, springy twist- texture . . . with beauty and luxury found only in the finest of carpets. There's a new color depth, too, in the 14 iridescent shades. Added to Nylon's well-known virtues of hard wear and easy care, the result is "Dynasty", an all DuPont nylon carpet you'll be proud to own. Its twist-texture is permanently set, and its colors  are unexcelled for fastness to sun and all cleaning methods. A new high in beauty and value at only $12.95 sq. yd. at fine stores everywhere. Write for free illustrated decorating booklet.

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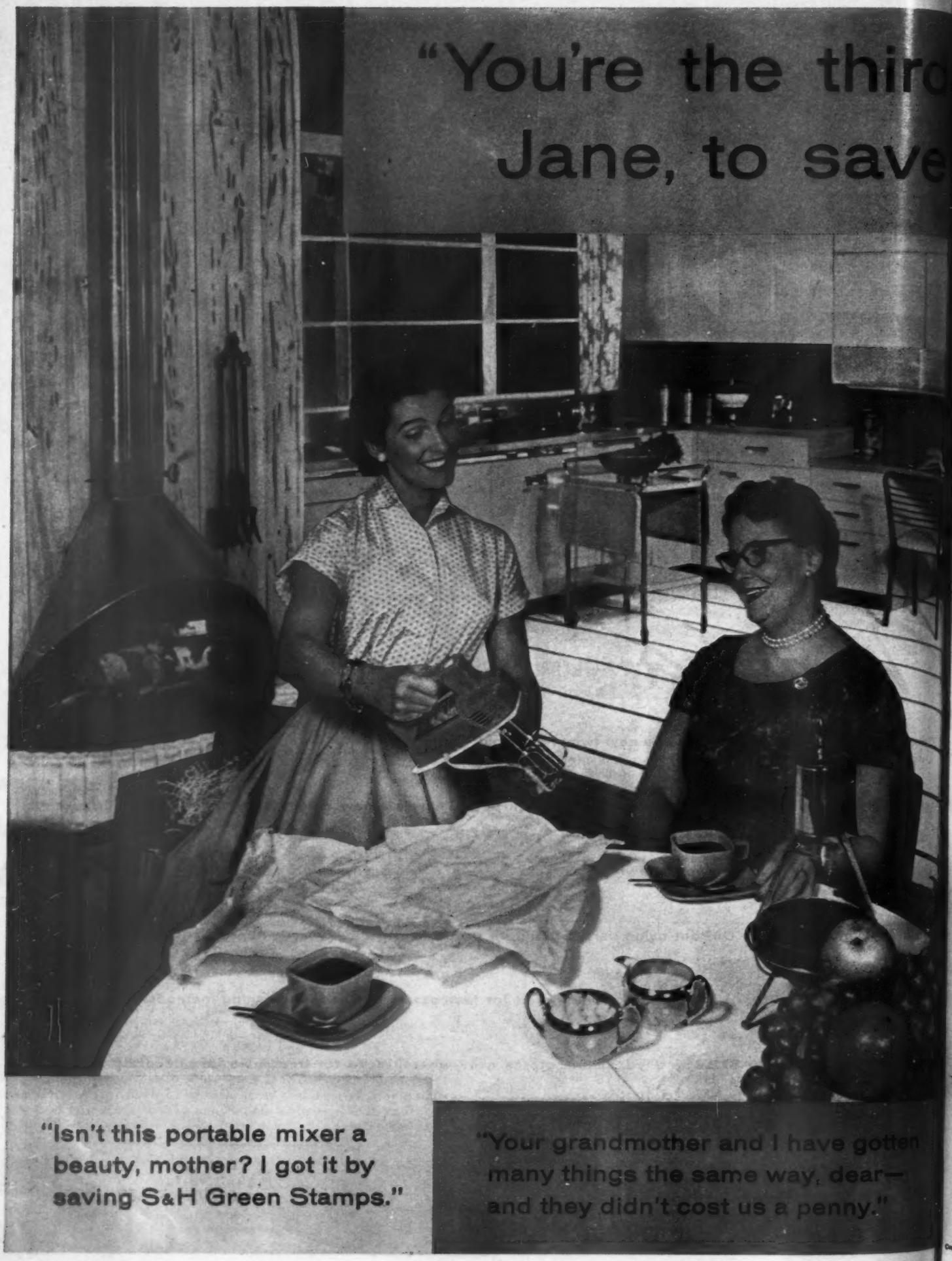
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KITCHENS

Decorative trimming adds distinction

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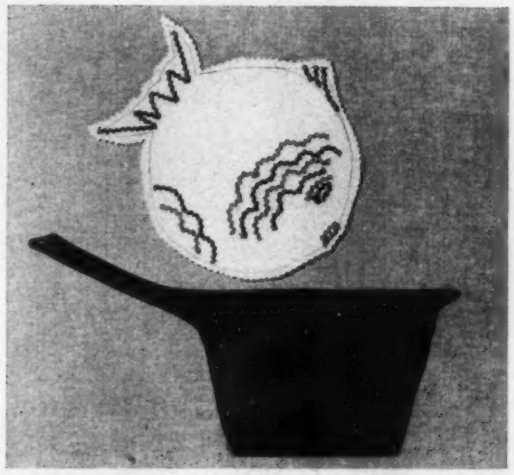
It's fun to combine all sorts of trimmings for informal effect. These perk-up ideas will start you off



A "fishy" touch for aprons and towels. Here, fish is a potholder, and the frying pan is a pocket. Try it on your husband's fish-fry apron — it's easy to make. But be sure to make the fish potholder big enough to protect his hand

This design idea makes a clever appliqué on a dish towel. For fish pattern, make circle by tracing around saucer; then add fin and tail. Make fish markings with rickrack or colored stitching

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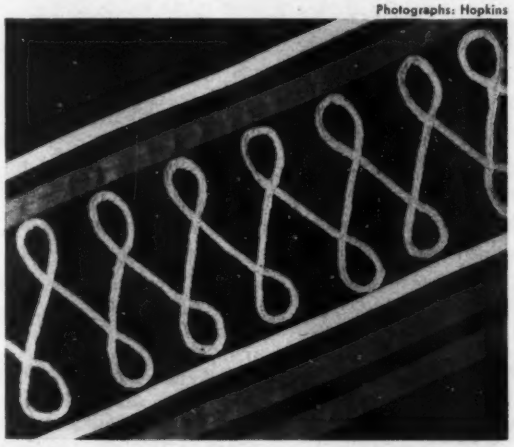
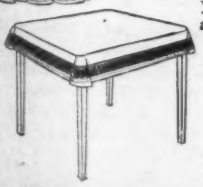


Mix them up!—textures, colors, widths—to get gay border effects. Work cotton rug yarn in loop design between rows of narrow and wide bias tape, and machine-stitch in place



Try this simple but smart border on a peasant skirt or luncheon cloth. Use dark brown as the background; accent with turquoise loops and rust tape

More on next page

Here's Basement Beauty for Any Budget!

ALMOST every owner of a home with a basement dreams of converting this normally damp, dusty space into a clean, comfortable work-play area. But cost usually delays realization.

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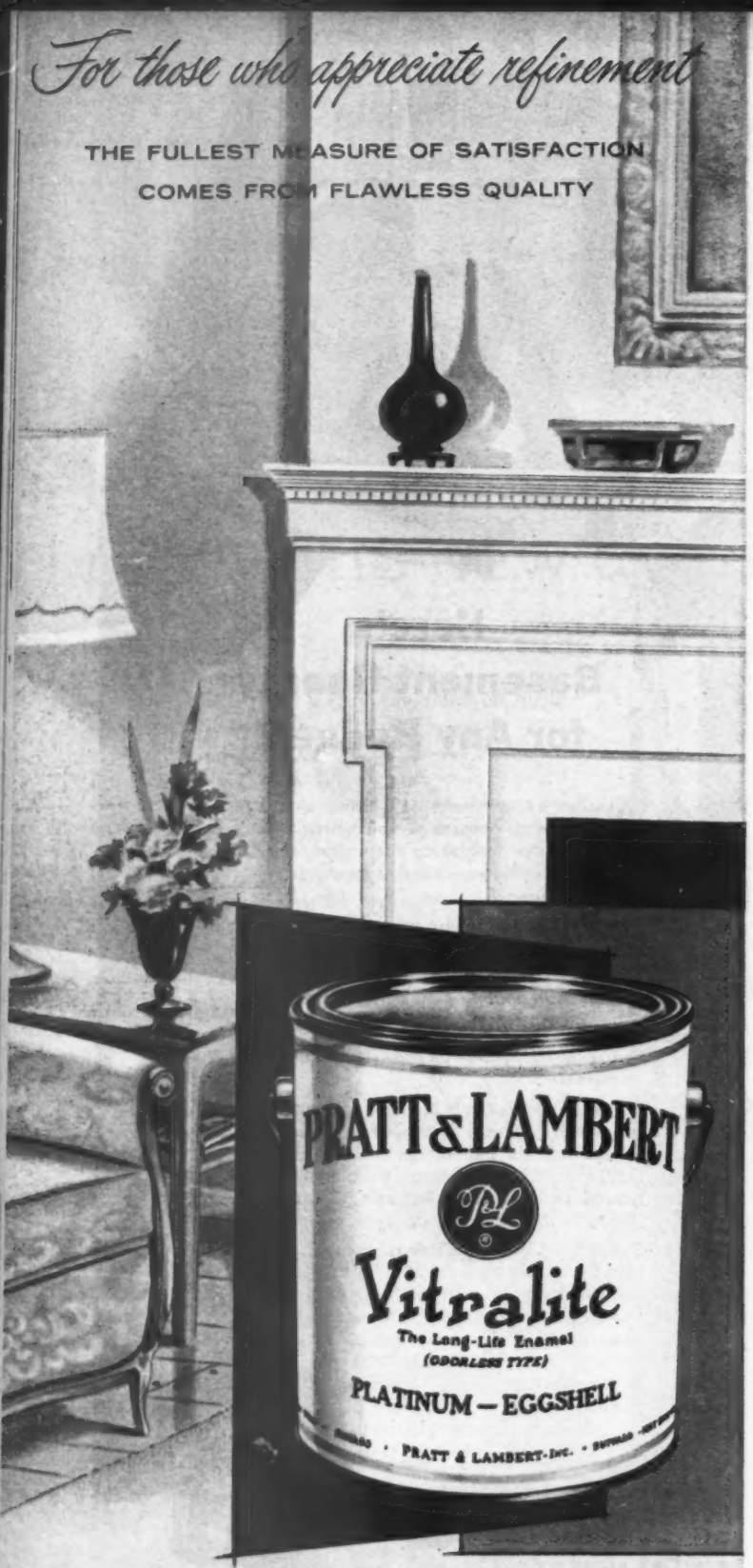

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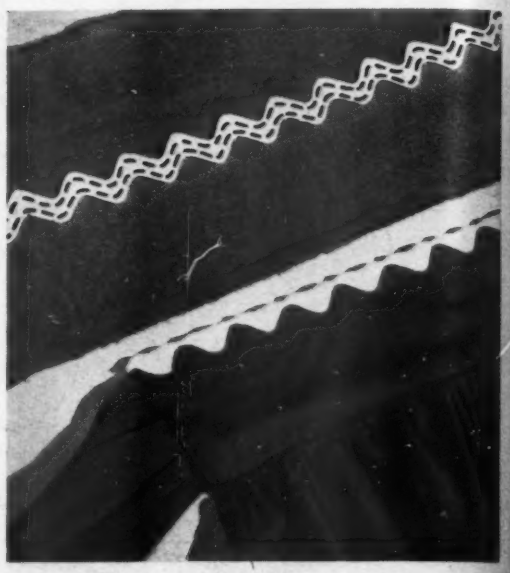
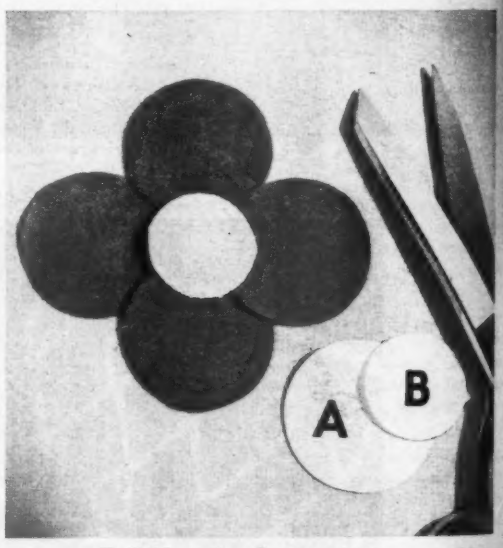
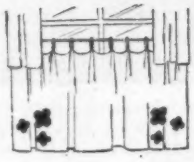


Quaint scallops. To trim top edge of apron waistband, stitch both edges of wide rickrack (indicated by dark dotted lines) down middle of unsewed band. Fold down center of the rickrack

When the rickrack is folded, it'll show on both sides of band. You get this scallop effect the easy way—without tracing and cutting.

Try trim on place mats, napkins. Use widest rickrack you can buy.





Full-blooming flowers add interest to things you sew. Make a single blossom to trim a pocket or dish towel; a whole garden of them in a border on an apron, or a cluster for cafe curtains

For a pattern, use a cheese-spread glass to make rounded petals (A), and the inner circle of doughnut cutter to make flower center (B).

Applique or machine-stitch design with a machine attachment.

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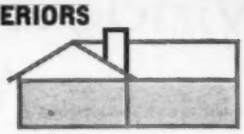


Enter projects like these in Home Improvement Contest. Instructions and entry blank, page 6

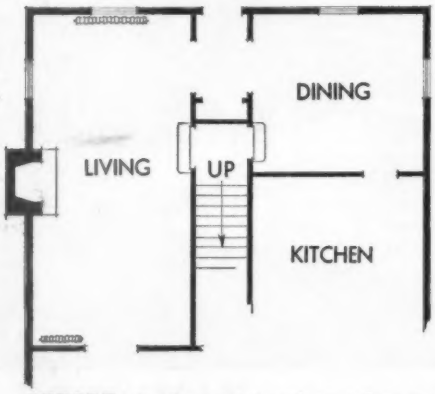
Solved: five "old house" problems

- *Outdated doorways*
- *Space-stealing radiators*
- *Poor traffic patterns*
- *Misdirected stairway*
- *Badly scaled fireplace*

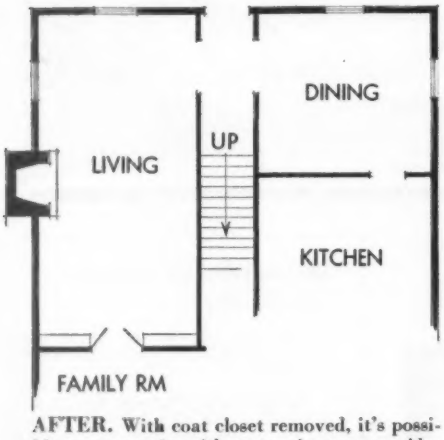
BEFORE. This stairway came down to split into a "T" (see plan). One side went into dining room, this side into living room.

Among its faults: confused traffic setup, lack of wall space for furniture, mismatching, old-fashioned arches. White molding along floor made room look "up in air."

By Dan J. Matthews



BEFORE. Traffic twisted and turned to get from front door to upstairs. You had to cross through living or dining room to reach stairs



AFTER. With coat closet removed, it's possible to go upstairs without turning corners. Also discarded are living-room radiators. A family room has appeared behind the new bookcases

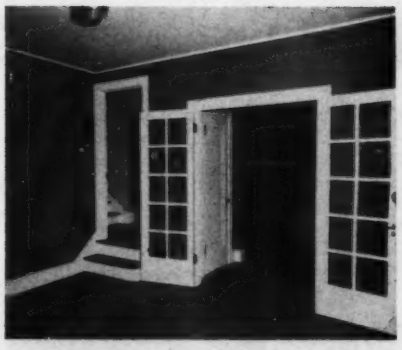
BEFORE. This massive fireplace—out of style and out of scale—dominated the living room. Old radiator—like one under window—interfered with furniture arrangement.

Colors in room called too much attention to the woodwork and trim.

AFTER. Fireplace was skillfully minimized by furring out wall to where it's flush with old bricks. New facing of classic design was added. Now it's in scale with room, in tone with period furnishings. Lowered mantel adds space for point-of-interest picture. Radiators gave way to baseboard radiation heat. Single-shade color scheme softens the entire room

AFTER. Entry closet—judged unnecessary—was removed to let stairway descend in uninterrupted line through bright, new hallway. There's now a simple, uncluttered route to living room, dining room, or upstairs.

Entrance to living room was enlarged and squared off in a more pleasing shape. Smaller door was walled over, and this meant more wall space for furniture as well as increased privacy for study corner. Room was repainted in a single, harmonious color which seems to increase the space.



BEFORE. Just as awkward a situation existed on the dining-room side of stairway as had plagued the living room.

Steps down into room not only took up space, they were dangerous. French doors were unsuited to this area.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

BEFORE. Dated French doors opened from living room to unneeded luxury of sun parlor.

Choice was: open entire area to form larger living room or divide more completely to give room more present-day purpose.

AFTER. Doorway here was closed up as on living-room side. It adds space for dining-room furnishings. Attractive wainscoting was added around wall.

Louvered doors, which match ones leading to TV-family room, were substituted for French doors. Cork tile was used in the new hallway in an attractive herringbone pattern. The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sturgis, Jr. The designer was Marshall Field & Co. Data by Jessie Walker.

AFTER. Choice was made to turn the parlor into a TV-family room. Passageway between the two rooms was heightened, narrowed to give more space to bookshelves. Louvered doors increase privacy, now swing toward living room instead of crowding smaller room.

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These conditions cause low HOUSEPOWER:

1. Inadequate electrical service entrance. To overcome this basic cause of low HOUSEPOWER, your home should have service entrance capacity of at least 100 amperes. This requires 3-wire service from the street.

2. Overloaded circuits. Too many appliances on one circuit overload it and none of them get enough power. Motors may even burn out. If the overload is too great, the fuse will blow or circuit-breaker trip. You should have enough branch circuits to distribute enough electricity to all of your appliances.

3. Insufficient outlets and switches. Some homeowners use extension cords and "octopus" outlets (2-and 3-way plugs), or plug into lighting outlets. Such practices are unsightly, inconvenient, and may be dangerous. Moving furniture doesn't help. The only safe solution is to add more circuits and outlets.

If any of these conditions are present in your home, call your electric company or electrical contractor for a wiring check-up. If additional wiring should be necessary, your electrical contractor will do the job quickly, neatly, and economically. It often takes less than a day. Remember, full HOUSEPOWER increases the value of your home.

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Final month's contest ends Sept. 30, 1956. Entries postmarked after Sept. 30, 1956 or received after Oct. 5, 1956 will not be accepted. Multiple entries will be accepted, provided an Official Entry Blank is used each time. Entry blanks may be obtained from local Electric Power Company.

HOW TO ENTER: Read carefully "Quick Facts About Housepower." Then complete entry blank below. Answer all questions. Fill in your name and address twice. Mail entry blank to "HOUSEPOWER CONTEST", P.O. Box 1888, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N. Y.

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IMPORTANT: Read "Quick Facts about HOUSEPOWER" before filling in entry.

(*Place a check in the square preceding each correct answer. Each question has one and only one correct answer.*)

1. Today, the number of existing homes that need additional wiring is ☐ 2 out of 5 ☐ 3 out of 5 ☐ 4 out of 5 ☐ 1 out of 5.

2. One cause of low HOUSEPOWER is ☐ too little electricity available from the electric companies ☐ inadequate service entrance ☐ too many fuses ☐ excessive rainfall.

3. Overloaded circuits may be responsible for ☐ appliance motors burning out ☐ fuses that never blow ☐ dripping faucets ☐ superior TV reception.

4. A scarcity of outlets can be safely corrected only by ☐ using "Octopus" outlets (2- and 3-way plugs) and extension cords ☐ rearranging your furniture properly ☐ plugging into lighting outlets ☐ putting in additional circuits and outlets.

5. Bringing your home up to full HOUSEPOWER ☐ requires a license for use of high voltage ☐ increases the value of your home ☐ generally takes two or three weeks ☐ brings discomfort to home occupants.

6. The person best qualified to discuss your wiring problem is ☐ your pharmacist ☐ your electrical contractor ☐ the neighborhood handyman ☐ your insurance broker.

7. My house was built ☐ before Jan. 1, 1935 ☐ between Jan. 1, 1935 and Jan. 1, 1945 ☐ since Jan. 1, 1945. ☐ Don't live in a private house.

8. With full HOUSEPOWER these are the electric appliances I would like to have within the next five years: ☐ range ☐ air conditioner ☐ water heater ☐ dishwasher ☐ electric blanket ☐ automatic washer ☐ clothes dryer ☐ home freezer ☐ television set ☐ toaster ☐ automatic coffee maker ☐ electric fry pan.

9. The last time a fuse blew (or a circuit-breaker tripped) in my home was ☐ within the past month ☐ within the past six months ☐ within the past year ☐ more than a year ago ☐ can't remember.

10. Connecting the street power *line to my house are* ☐ 2 wires ☐ 3 wires. ☐ Don't live in a private house.

11. My fuse box now has ☐ 4 or fewer fuses ☐ 5-7 fuses ☐ 8 or more fuses ☐ don't have fuses (have circuit-breakers).

12. In my opinion, the wiring in our home is ☐ inadequate ☐ adequate ☐ good ☐ excellent.

(Complete the following statement, using 25 additional words or less)

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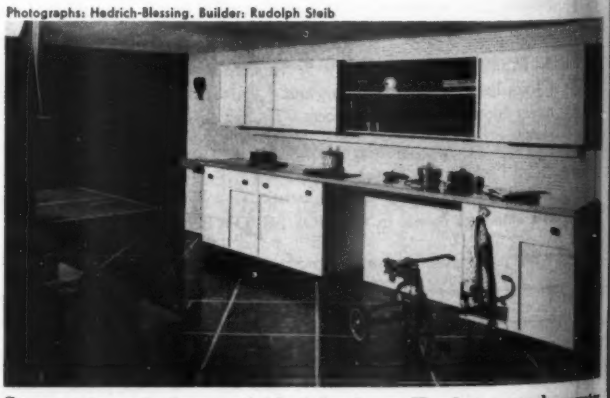

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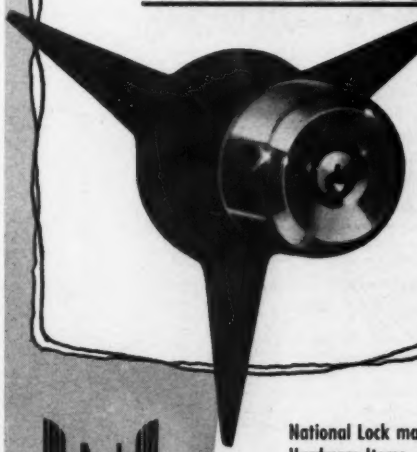

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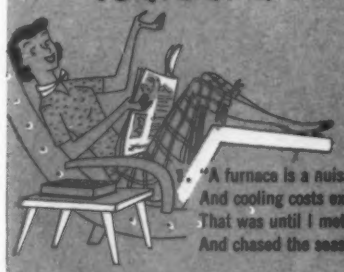

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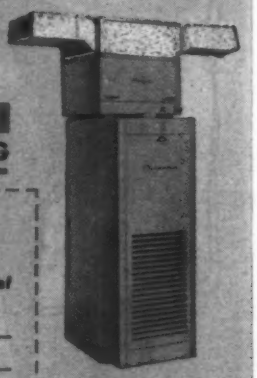

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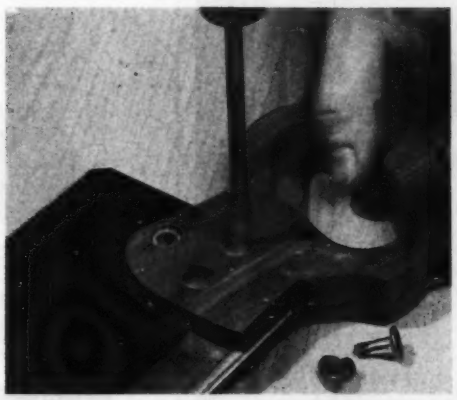
First aid for ailing tools

IF you've ever tried to use one, you know that a "sick tool" is no tool at all. Your saws, pliers, planes, screwdrivers, drills will serve you better and last longer if you take time to give them the attention they need. Here's a roundup of tools you probably use most around the house, with some fast-to-apply ideas on how to keep each in perfect working order



Loose saw handles invite inaccurate cuts, twist and bend saw blades out of true. Frequent tightening of screw bolts that hold blade to handle can save both saws and miscut lumber. Most hardware stores stock handles and hardware for your handsaws

Pliers lose their grip when jaw edges become burred and rounded. To recondition gripping edges, use a triangular file. Be sure file cuts are straight. Old grooves help guide file. When edges become clogged with metal or dirt, clean them with a wire brush

To prevent pliers from slipping, nut that locks handles together should be kept tight. So nut won't work off after you've tightened it with wrench, burr over threads on bolt with center punch. Nut should be tightened so jaws move easily—but grip work firmly

Photographs: Stanley

Keep tip of screwdriver blades square. Rounded blades strip screwhead slots, making them hard to drive and draw. With file, go across tip of blade at right angles, putting pressure on forward stroke. Never use your screwdriver for a pry bar, chisel, or lever

Sides of screwdriver blade also should be kept straight with end of the tip. On wooden-handled screwdriver, sand handle smooth and wipe it with linseed oil. Sanding and oiling keeps hands free from splinters, blisters

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By Betty Northrop

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AFTER. Living area doubled after taking in porch. Large windows are in scale, improve view. A brick planting wall modifies exposed foundation

View toward new double garage shows how well new and old can blend. Characteristic roof corner detail is repeated in additions. Broad, balanced sweep of terrace, garage give modernizing, horizontal effect to house, relieve boxiness shown in *before* picture. Breezeway connects new garage with terrace and rest of the house

get the lot you like

The Joe Smiths of Spokane, Washington, wanted to build. Like many others, they found that property they could afford was crowded, flat, uninteresting. Searching for sites with individuality, they found this 40-year-old house (left) on a lot which overlooked the entire city.

They went to an architect they had already consulted about building. He checked for structural soundness and agreed that the house had exciting possibilities.

So they bought and remodeled to get *what* they wanted *where* they wanted it. Exterior changes were held to a minimum, most coming as addition instead of alteration.

It's easy to see why Smiths chose this spot, even if they had to remodel to get it. Partially sheltered terrace overlooks entire valley. It's ideal for outside activity—day or night. Kitchen entrance (left) simplifies outdoor meals. Garage is close by. It's just a few steps from car to kitchen, under the covered walkway

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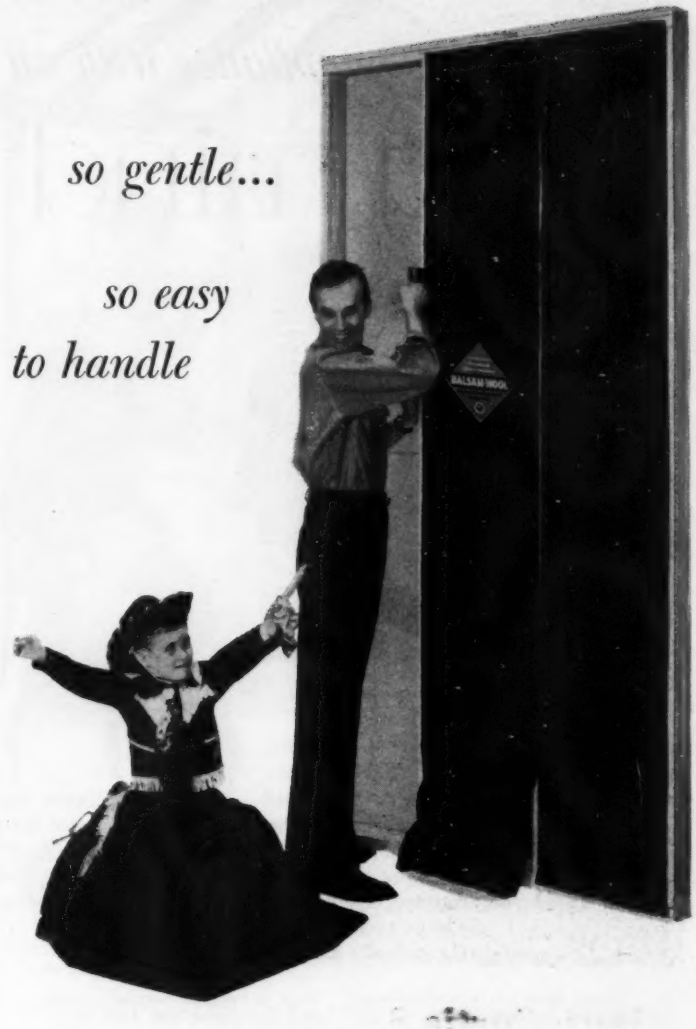

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Remodeling

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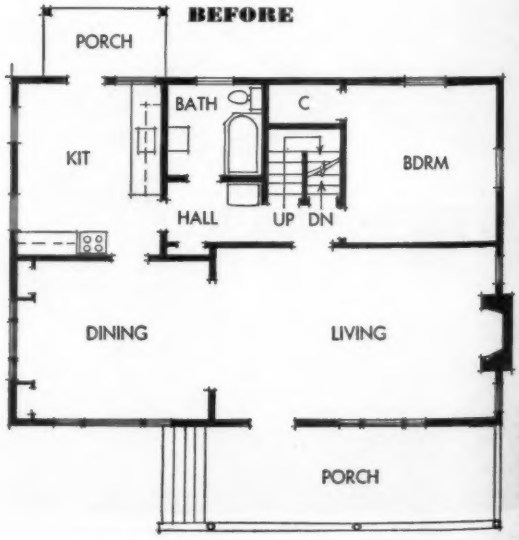
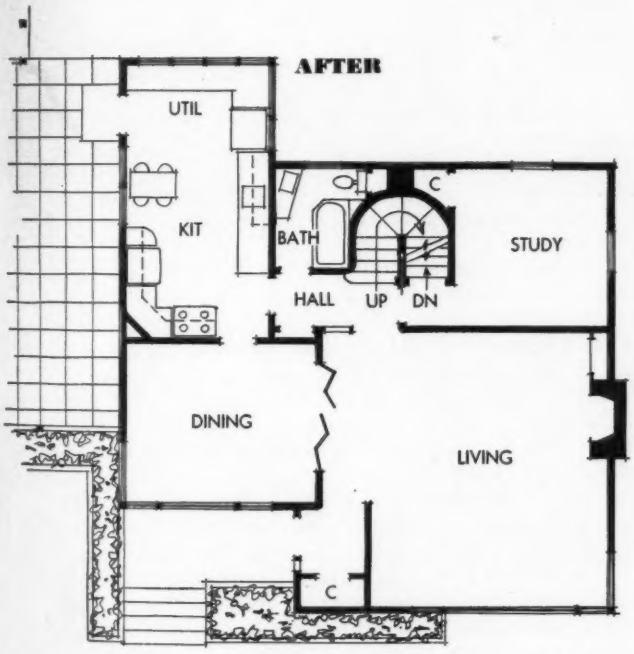
This is the part of living area that "grew" to take in old front porch. Wall and corner of glass give a view that, unlike porch, is as good in January as it is in July. Ceiling drops over new area to cove with light above for attractive indirect illumination

This is part of kitchen that took in back porch. There's better distribution of working space, also room for breakfast nook. Lots of glass here keeps step with rest of house. Dutch door leads out to terrace, garage. Washer-dryer (right) moved up from basement



New dining room has gained the same refreshing openness as the living room. Series of fixed and operable glass carries a continuous view around the corner, brings outdoor feeling inside. There were cabinets on far wall which were removed for window and extra floor space. Doorway was widened and shutter doors installed



Big change was expansion of living room (which gained entry hall and closet) and kitchen (which now has utility and breakfast area along with better organization). Bathroom has same units in better order and less space

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Faults of original house included: small, useless windows flanking fireplace; poorly arranged kitchen and bathroom—both wasting wall and floor space. The refrigerator was exiled all the way out into the hallway!

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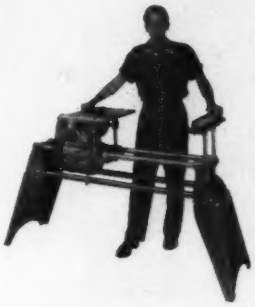

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Music and your child

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"My introduction to music, when I was about 5 years old, was so dull with exercises and scales, that I hid when the teacher came"

CAN YOU HOPE to build a love of music in a child who balks at lessons and rebels at practicing? Famous conductor Kostelanetz confesses that, as a youngster, he felt the same way until he discovered that really playing music was exciting. Here, he suggests ways to maintain your child's interest

By Andre Kostelanetz

In the full and happy world that every parent wants to make for his child, music is now playing its biggest role. Through helping your child to like music, you are laying a foundation for peace, relaxation, and spiritual values which will last for the rest of his life.

Yet, in many American families, the feeling still exists that musical training is a waste of time and money. To all the mothers and fathers who think that music is not essential or that it costs too much money when Johnny or Susie is not likely to become a concert performer, I have this to say:

Your child, gifted or not, should be given a chance to make music a part of his life at an early age. If your child becomes an adult to whom music means solace, additional interest and enjoyment of life, even though he does not play an instrument, he will get more out of music than the person who plays but is somehow not very interested in it.

Having this *interest*, is, of course, the key to your child getting to know music. I started playing the piano in Russia when I was about 4 or 5 years old. I had a teacher who approached music in such a technical way, with exercises and scales and dull finger studies, that I hid when the teacher came.

Eventually, my parents changed teachers and the new teacher brought four-hand music! It was as simple as that. When you play four-hand music (or duets), advanced music is easy because it's divided. One person plays accompaniment, the other plays melody.

Suddenly, the whole realm of music opened up for me! We were playing melodies, pieces. The duets were the bridge to my realization that "this is *interesting* . . . "

To sit down and play "do-re-mi-sol-fa" for half an hour is scarcely thrilling at any age.

But, remember, every child is different. There is a right time and a wrong time to begin lessons. And when the lessons have been started, there is a right and wrong way to encourage your child to do his best and like what he is doing.

I will always remember the late Dr. Frederick Stock and his Chicago Symphony. He never said, "You played a wrong note." He would always say, "You know, the right note is thus-and-so."

It came to the same thing in the end, but the results were phenomenal!

Occasional ups and downs are natural and should be disregarded. Don't make even an implied comparison, such as "Tomorrow you will do better." Say, instead, "Well, let's hear this piece again tomorrow."

After all, you are building toward an end result, and the momentary lapses are not as important as you think. The intervening points—good one day, less good the next—are like the short steps a baby takes before he is able, finally, to walk alone.

Parents have already been told that their children should never be "forced" to learn music, but this is a negative approach. The positive approach is to create music in such a way that the child will *want* to learn.

Anything may provide that "right" moment. Perhaps a new piano is brought into the home. Or hearing a good pianist may awaken the child's desire to imitate him. It may be that Mother or Father strums a bit, and the child will enjoy singing simple tunes to that accompaniment. It could be the stimulus of listening to records.

But certainly it should not be a cold statement, "Today, you begin to study music."

For the parents who have to listen to practice sessions, I must admit that the piano is the easiest and most logical instrument for the child's study. You can be just awful as regards interpretation, shading of tones, and feeling for music—but if you hit the right notes (and your piano is kept in tune) it's got to make a listenable harmony, however far removed from the achievement of Mr. Horowitz!

The wrong notes on a piano are obviously and unmistakably wrong, and the child cannot avoid hearing them, too. On a violin, and most other instruments, it is possible for a youngster to believe he is playing a correct note, which nevertheless is just "off" enough to set everyone's teeth on edge.

Still, the choice of instrument is a part of creating interest for the child. I would say that even if he wants to play the drums (which I feel lean somewhat to the primitive side of the musical ledger), the parent should say, "All right. Let's just see whether this playing of drums may lead to a more vital interest in other kinds of music." [*Turn to page 214*

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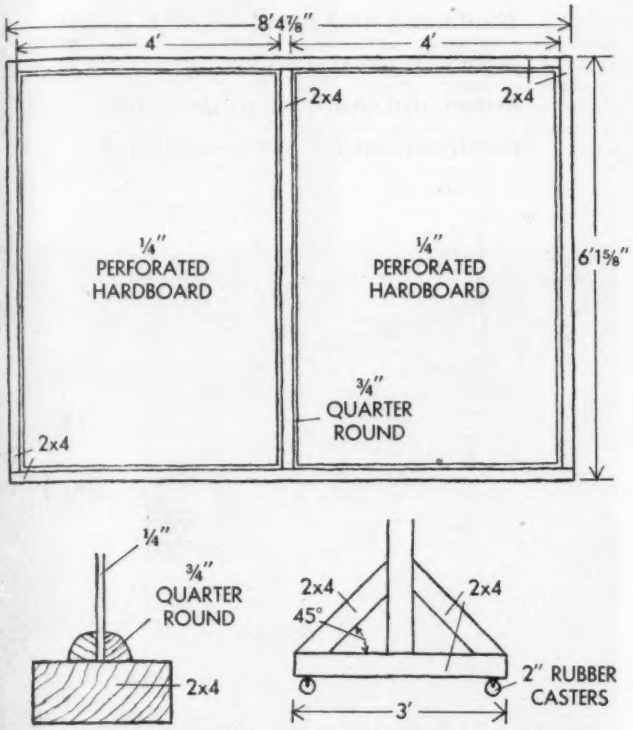
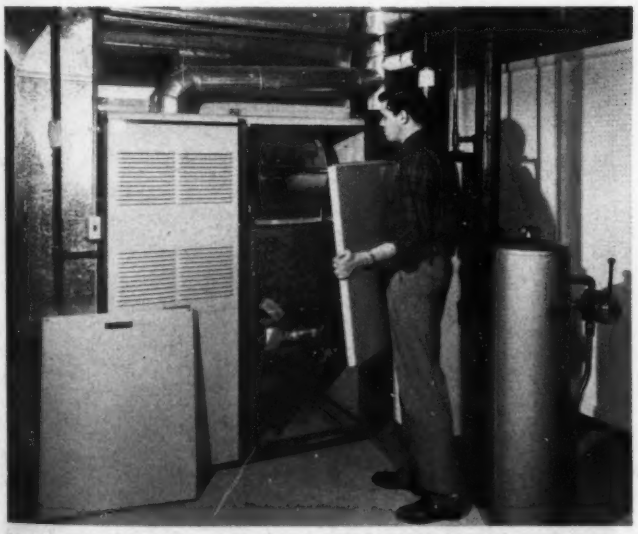
There's a lot to like about this modern work center with its important storage and "top-of-bench" assembly space

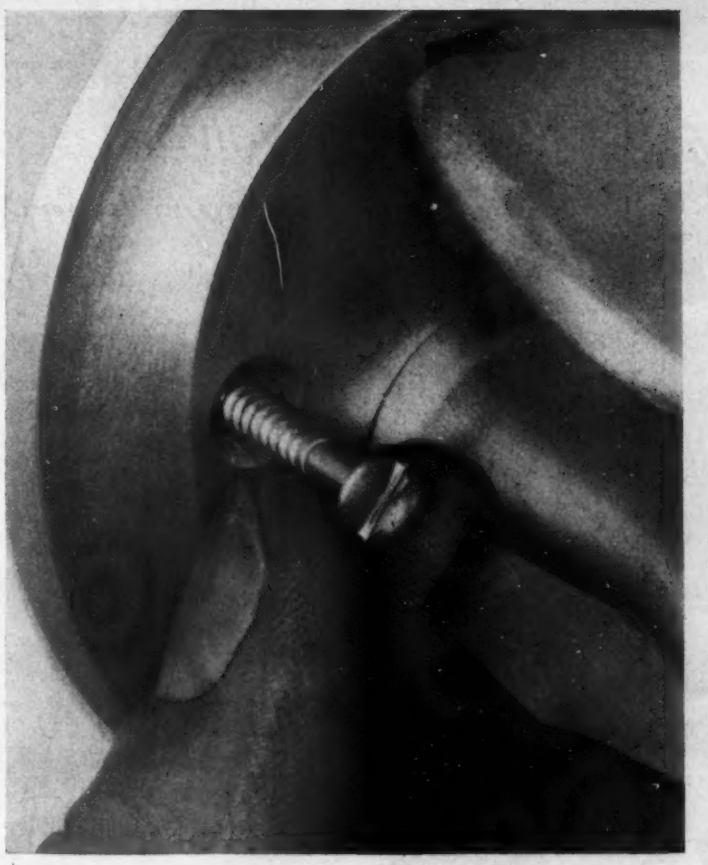


Movable tool board is simple framework of 2x4s, paneled in with perforated hardboard. Scrap left from panels serves as auxiliary tool boards in shop. Paint tool board white to gain more light reflection



Mechanical servants—combination heating plant/air conditioner along with water softener—share same area as workshop. If necessary, they can be screened from view with movable workshop tool board. Alternate plan for basementless house transfers utilities to space occupied by the basement stairwell (see floor plan).

Basement workshop and utility area is well lighted—coupled with reflecting white walls and ceiling—for increased safety. Smooth-finished concrete floor is easy to keep clean.



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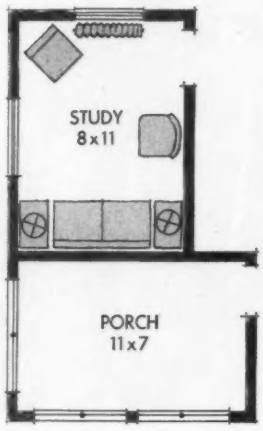
From porch to family

By Estelle Guralnick

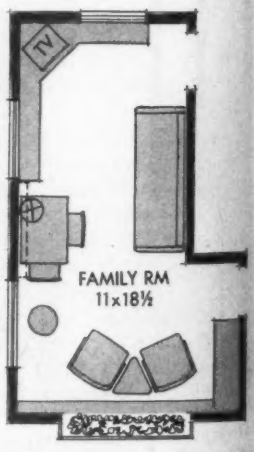
Enclosing and remodeling a small porch improved the exterior of the home and made a comfortable family room for year-round use

The air conditioner in the window at the left is the secret of summertime comfort in this room. The hanging lamp gives good reading light where wall space is too small for a lamp and table. The built-ins at this end of the room store serving trays, games, and magazines



BEFORE. Both den and porch were too small. Even with a minimum of furniture, whole family of four could hardly crowd into the den.

Exposed to sun all day long, porch was too hot.



AFTER. With wall gone, there's plenty of space—even for game, lunch table.

Storage areas camouflage radiators, but grillwork lets out heat. Tully Gross home, Belmont, Massachusetts.

room—*in one easy remodeling*

The dotted line shows the area that was the screened porch. What an improvement to the exterior of the house the plant window is over the ugly old screens formerly there!

The flowers get plenty of sunshine and look pretty both inside and out. Shades keep out the direct sun.

Here's a closer look at the bay window from the inside. The plants are in separate pots placed in a metal-lined trough in the window sill.

The outward slant of the window makes enough space for flowerpots so wood-slat shade pulls straight down to sill behind the plants.

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman. Builder: Charles Boyts. Decorator: Laura Appleton

Another view of combined rooms after remodeling and redecorating. The wedge-shaped lamp table takes less space than a square one without stinting on convenience. A minimum of upkeep is all it takes to keep the cedar-paneled walls and cork tile floors looking like new

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Idea Home: Wired for today's living

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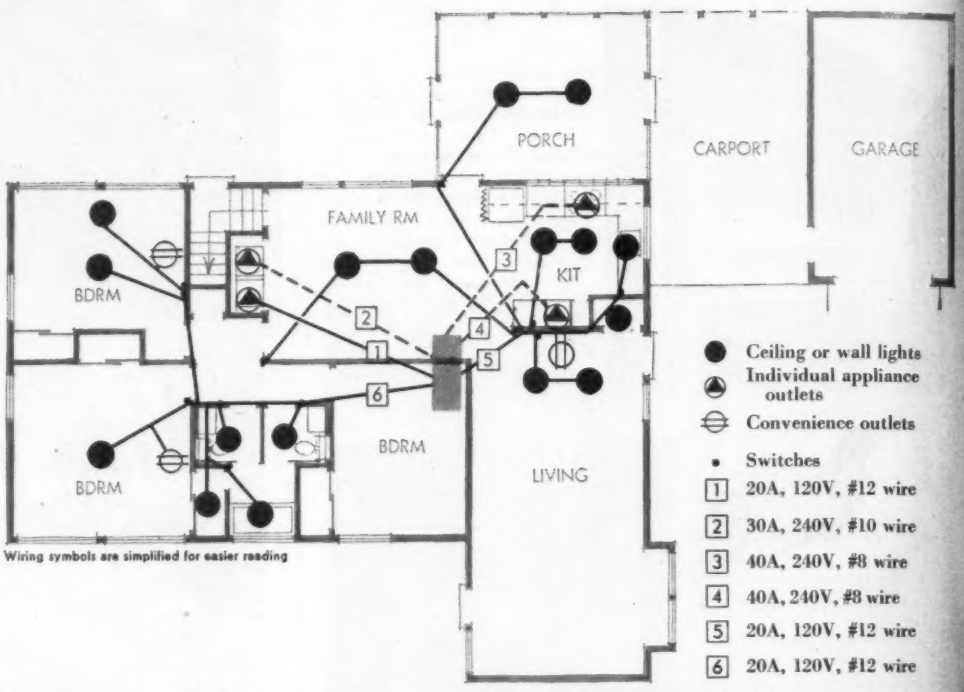
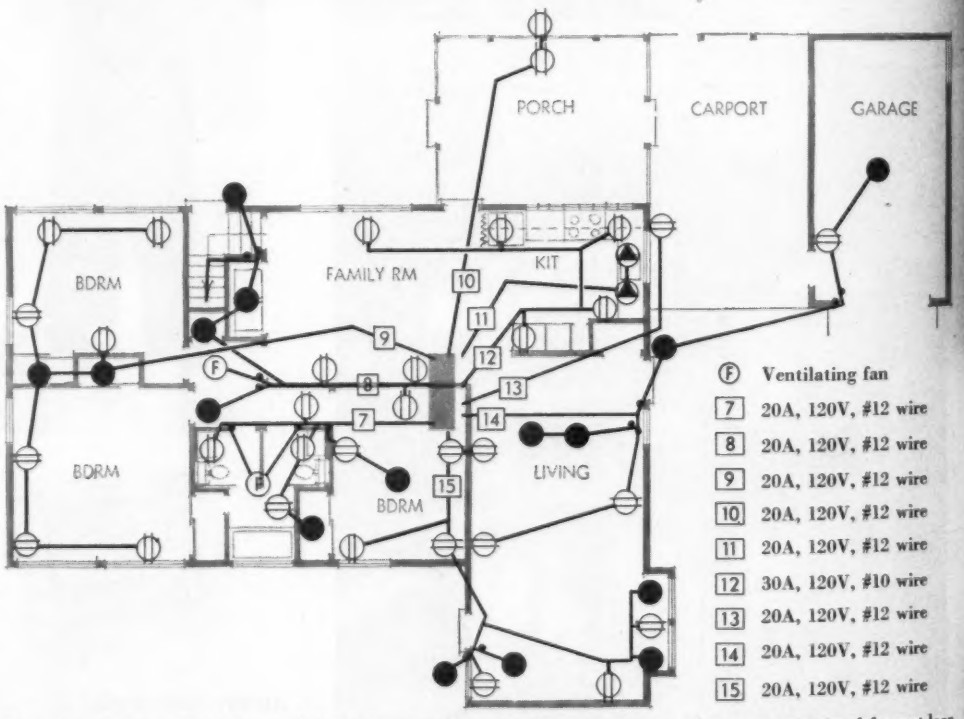
The parade of ideas in our Idea Home goes well beyond surface features to show you a fitting wiring plan for living in today's manner



Wiring symbols are simplified for easier reading

Special-purpose appliance and general lighting circuits: The new minimum-service entrance, 100 amps, is inadequate where all major appliances (including air conditioner and water heater) are electric. Idea Home calls for 200-amp service and distribution panel, providing spare capacity for additional 240-volt or 120-volt circuits. Major appliances are on the three individual, 240-volt circuits shown in red; blue indicates 120-volt circuits



General appliance and incidental lighting circuits: Big 200-amp entrance adds nine more 120-volt circuits for outlets, fixed lighting, and ventilating fans. Dishwasher and disposer operate from individual 120-volt circuit. Porch and carport outlets are waterproof for outdoor cooking, Christmas lighting, electric mower, so on. Wire size given in tables determines amount of electricity brought into house. Higher the number, smaller the wire

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Built-in storage seats and phonograph compartment are faced with Samara; table top, record cabinet lid, and shelves are surfaced with durable Micarta®.

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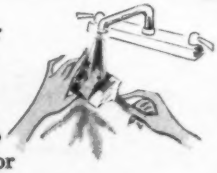

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Where the edging machine can't make contact with old finish—close in around woodwork, door casings, steps—pull scraper gets floor down to bare wood.

Here it may be necessary to touch up the floor with hand sanding and steel wool to dress down scraper marks. Watch so you don't gouge floor with scraper blade.

Wide cracks jammed with dirt and old wax? Penknife does efficient job of loosening it up for clean out. Or, use putty knife.

Nozzle extension on vacuum cleaner can follow hairline cracks to pull out dirt and dust. You can do this cleaning with most success just before you make your final smooth-sanding cut or just before you apply finish.

Photographs: Stanley

Brush attachment on vacuum cleaner is best for cleaning entire floor area preceding application of finish to surface.

Use brush or broom to free corners of any sanding residue. Before final sanding, fill any wide cracks or splits in boards with wood-paste filler or plastic wood that matches color of hardwood floor.

Apply first coat of sealer finish liberally, using clean rags or lambs-wool applicator. Mop or wipe across the boards, then work with the grain. Allow sealer to stand 15 minutes, then take up excess with rags.

With oak floors, it may be necessary to fill open pores of wood with wood-paste filler after first coat of sealer.

PUSH OUT

Cut along dotted lines

Equipment for refinishing your hardwood floors includes: clean rags, wood filler to patch cracks, hammer, nail set, scraper, dust broom, assortment of sandpaper, drum and disc sander, sealer-type floor finish. You also can rent waxing-buffing machine, steel-wool pads

How to

Refinish hardwood floors

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Photographs on these pages outline the right way to refinish worn floors. Your sanding-equipment dealer can advise you on the exact materials you'll need.

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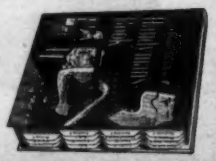

Before sanding operation can begin, floors should be checked carefully for exposed nails. Set them deep before making your first cut. Otherwise, nails may snag belts on drum sander, fouling the machine.

At the same time, map your plan for sanding, sizing up uneven spots to determine whether or not diagonal cuts will be needed, or whether cuts with the grain of the wood will do the job.

Don't bother to fill nail holes until you are ready to make final smooth cut.

Drum sander's 8-inch belt does all the cutting work. You just steer the machine.

Most floors need three "cuts" to remove scars, old finish. Check at the place you rent the sander for proper grit sizes of sandpapers for your floors.

It's best to make all cuts with the grain of the wood. But if floors are very uneven or "cupped," you may have to make a diagonal pass (cut across grain).

Begin sanding with coarse sandpaper and work down to smoother grits.

Edging work is done with special disc sander that lets you get up close to baseboards (after you've removed baseboard shoe molding or quarter round).

Again, work from coarse to fine papers just as with the drum sander.

Edger is excellent tool for trimming around door casings, stairs, corners, fireplace hearths, and so on.

Like the drum sander, it has a vacuum unit that sucks sanding dust into attached bag for easy disposal.

Cut along dotted lines

After first coat of seal is dry (from 40 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the brand), machine-buff with No. 2 steel wool. Steel-wooling is essential to assure good bond of subsequent coats.

Sweep and "tack mop" surface (rag dipped in sealer finish) to remove sawdust and steel-wool particles.

Apply second coat of sealer, remove excess, let it set, then buff again. Floor now is ready for waxing or third coat of finish, if you desire slight build-up.

Waxing renewed surface is final—and most important—job you'll do in refinishing a hardwood floor.

You can get by on one coat, but two light films, well polished with floor machine, bring out more beauty and give longer-lasting protection.

Apply either liquid or paste wax with soft, lint-free cloth or wax mop, let wax dry 15 to 30 minutes, then buff.

For tough, durable gloss, repeat the waxing a second time.

If you prefer the high luster of a hard-surface finish to satin gloss of floor seal, you can finish your wood floors with varnish or shellac. Floor should still be sealed.

Use wide (4-inch) brush and lay material on in short even strokes, doing small area at a time if finish is varnish. First application of hard-surface finish *over sealer* should be light, thinned coat.

Two coats of varnish or three of shellac usually are sufficient. Steel-wool and wax just as you do for sealer finish.

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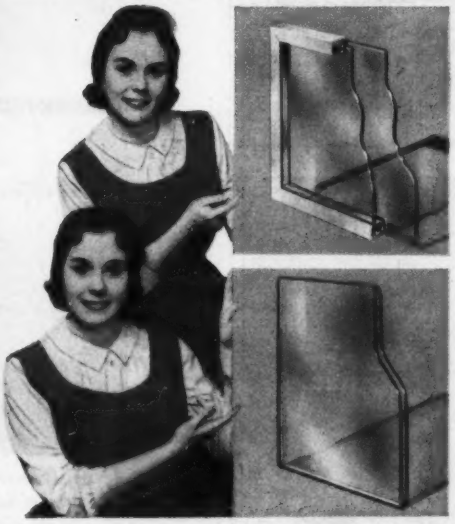

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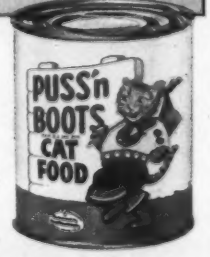

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A small parrot—the cockateel

Cockateels are colorful birds with high crests and long, sweeping tail feathers. They are natives of Australia; are good mimics, make calm house pets, and can both whistle a full tune and talk. Although much larger than parakeets, cockateels have excellent house manners and can be given semifreedom indoors

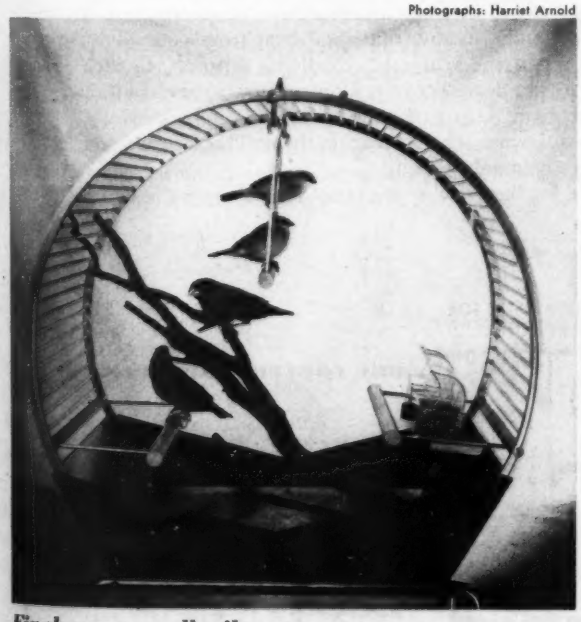
good company

By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

Lovebirds—clowns of their species

Lovebirds, at their best in pairs, are the most amusing of the species. Their vividly colored plumage and sharply contrasting markings attract unusual attention. They should have a nesting box attached to their cage. Lovebirds aren't the linguists their parakeet cousins are, but they are great entertainers

Photographs: Harriet Arnold



Finches are small, vibrant songsters

If you're limited for space and would like a little songster to brighten your home, get a finch. The male, with his satiny-brown plumage, has a beautiful song. You'd like any of a number of varieties, especially the cut-throat. His seal-brown coat is adorned with a band of red feathers across his throat

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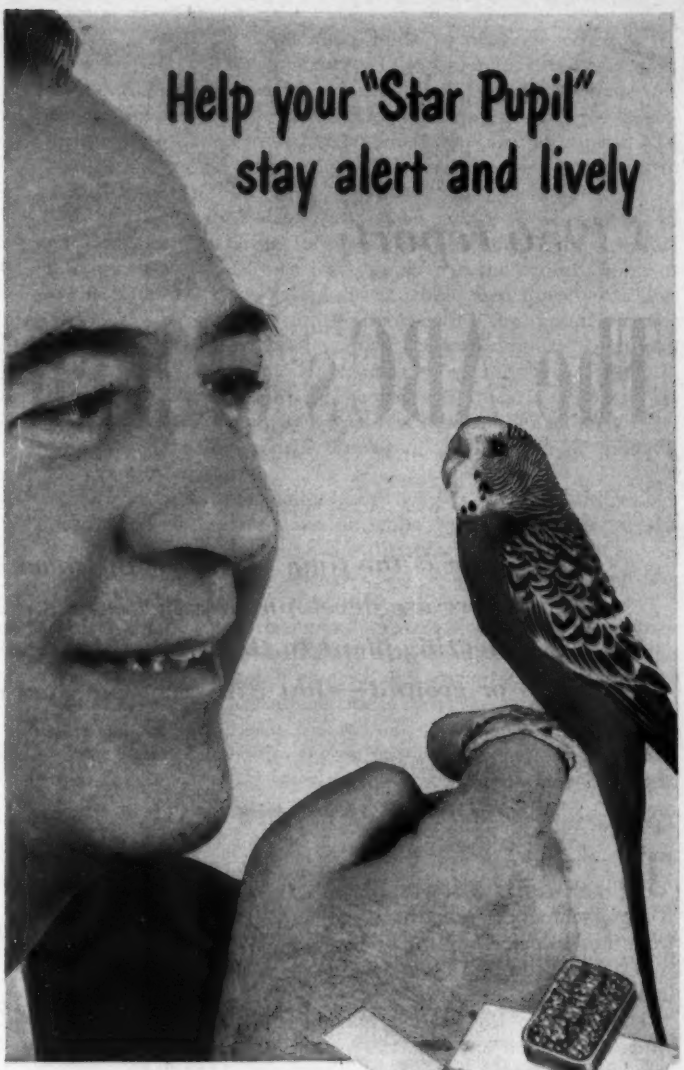

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The ABC's of heating today's house

Now is the time to look at the machine that will warm your house this winter. Here are developments in heating and home comfort—from restoring your old heating plant to the revolutionary device that pumps heat from water, air, or ground—that will give you your money's worth in service and convenience

By Ronald M. Deutsch

The most expensive single appliance you own next to your car is the machinery that warms your house. This equipment costs from 5 to 10 percent of the price of your house itself. You may well pay the cost of a new television set every year just to keep it running.

To most of us, this heating machine is just a friendly stranger with an insatiable appetite. Yet in the past few years there have been developments in heating appliances as revolutionary as those in kitchen appliances. Knowing these developments can save you paying 1956 prices for 1936 heating.

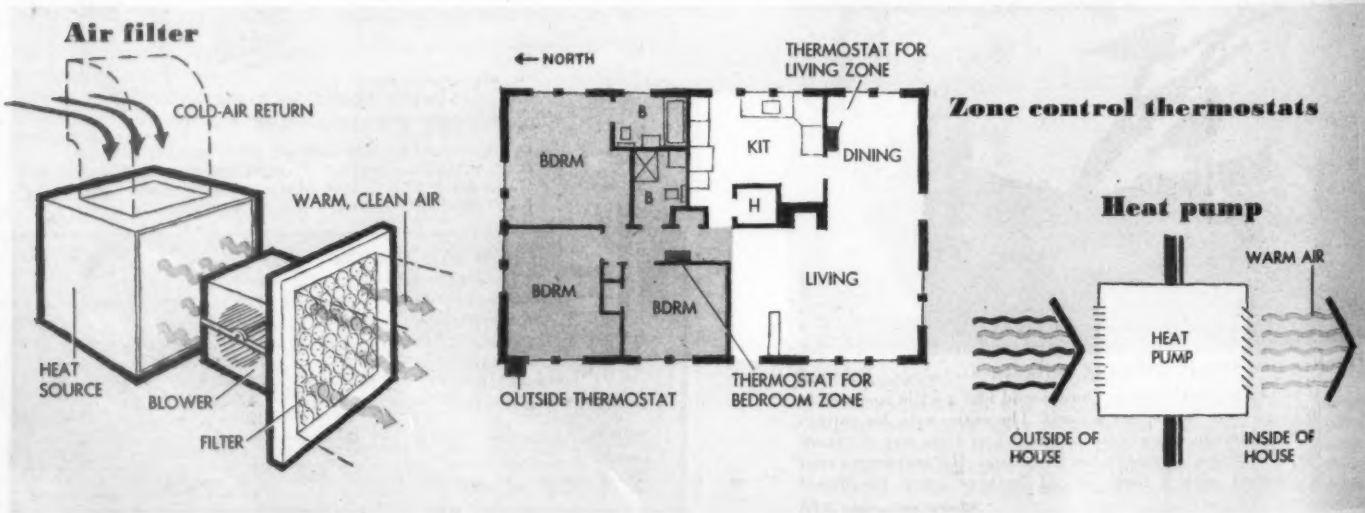
The modern heating principle is that heat must go to the places which lose it fastest. But even then heat must be delivered evenly. Otherwise your head may be feverish while your feet turn blue, for old-fashioned heating permits a cascade of cold air from walls and ceiling to form an invisible, ever-deepening puddle of frigid air on the floor.

Research shows that good heating delivers heat just as fast as it is lost, to the place from which it is lost, distributing it evenly throughout your home. Here is how modern heating does the job . . .

Perimeter heating. The new standards of good heating have spurred a whole new concept of warm-air heating. From the furnace that warms the air, to the ducts that carry it and the grills that distribute it to the room, most engineers have built their new products around this one idea—perimeter heating.

Perimeter heating delivers warmth to the places that lose it fastest—the exterior walls of the house. Warm air is diffused from grills low on the exterior walls, preferably under the windows. There it rises to build a curtain of heat between you and the chilly walls and windows that steal heat from your body. There is more than one grill—today called a diffuser—in each room to spread the heat evenly, scatter and warm the cold-air puddle on the floor. Returns for the air are on the inside walls, and the air is still warm when it reaches them. This means fewer drafts, and less demand for heat.

Newest idea for the crawl-space home is to convert the entire



space to one big *plenum*, or warm-air chamber, by sealing up and insulating the space. From the space, short ducts carry warmth to outer-wall diffusers in the rooms. This guarantees warmth for the hard-to-heat floor. Though FHA approves this system, some local codes still bar the idea. Modern thinking, however, recommends closing off all crawl space in the winter. In the same vein, experts suggest enough warm-air outlets to bring the basement temperature to 70. This, they say, pays for itself.

Proponents of warm-air heat point up these features: Warm-up is fast. The air is circulated, making possible humidifying, drying, or filtration. What engineers call Continuous Air Circulation can be had. This means that even when the burner is off your fan circulates the home air through the ducts to keep air temperatures even throughout the house.

Hot water and steam offer many new developments. A boiler still produces steam or hot water, and pipes still carry it to radiators of a sort. But the whole system is almost unrecognizable, and even summer cooling has been added.

Now, far smaller boilers turn out water up to 50 degrees hotter than did old boilers. So distribution systems can be smaller and cheaper. And even the pipe is new. Most of it can be narrow (½- to ¾-inch diameter) flexible tubing, which can thread in and out without old-fashioned joints. This cuts installation time and cost, and is a boon to a remodeling job.

And there's a new look to the old-fashioned radiator. New radiators are slimmer, smaller, easily located out of sight. In fact, more than half of hot-water buyers now choose baseboard distributors. Coming in more styles than a spring bonnet, the baseboard radiator runs unobtrusively along the base of outside walls. It is basically either a long, cast-iron radiator or a tube with fins, and from it rises a heat curtain much like that of the warm-air perimeter system.

Your main choice here is between the simple radiator and one designed for *convection* (the transfer of heat by moving air past heated fins).

Either baseboard or convector systems can be adapted to summer cooling by adding a water chiller, extra pipe to carry the chilled water, and drainage for condensed moisture which collects on the outside of the pipe. Some systems give you both heating and cooling through the same pipe. But most engineers agree that if you would add cooling, forced circulation of the air will be necessary. Other types of chilled-water cooling are available, but these needn't affect your heating design.

Hot-water radiant heat, a network of pipe usually embedded in a concrete floor, is also popular. It warms up slowly—because the concrete slab must warm—and is slow to cool. One danger here is that if the pipe should be blocked or rusted, the floor may have to be torn up to find the trouble. Plastic pipe is on the market, but has seen a limited number of installations.

Electricity is the dark horse of heating according to most experts. One reason for this is that most summer cooling is electric powered. The facilities to make this power are staying idle in winter, and many utilities see home-heating as just the job to keep generators busy in winter. The logical way to get this business is to grant price concessions to installers of electric heat.

One system, the *radiant electric cable*, a wire which makes and radiates heat, is the size of ordinary lamp cord. This is simply stapled in a kind of race-track pattern to the ceiling, floor, or walls. Turn on the power and the whole area quickly radiates warmth. The wires are simply hooked to a thermostat and the whole job is installed in a few hours. In an old house, the system can be installed with no structural changes.

Even simpler to install are the new *radiant panels*, big ⅛- to ¼-inch-thick panels made of special rubber or other materials. Set into wall or ceiling during construction they can be painted, papered, or plastered.

Also on sale are smaller *panels of glass* in which wires are embedded. Fitted into outside walls, these, like other electric systems, make individual room thermostats practical.

Electric heat has its *convectors*, too. These, using a small fan, have the advantage of circulation.

Radiant heating, in general, warms much as the sun does. But it has the drawback that "shaded" areas stay cooler. Put your feet under a table or desk and you may notice this. The system is enough a matter of personal taste so that you might well visit an installation before you buy.

Since there are no moving parts, electric heat is easy to maintain. It eliminates the need for chimneys, some plumbing, and makes individual room controls cheaper.

The heat pump is a remarkable new machine that literally pumps heat from the outdoor air into your home in winter, pumps it out in summer. The first single machine to supply year-round comfort, the heat pump has captured the imagination of many.

Three times as economical as ordinary electric heating, requiring no basement, attic, or indoor space, tested for 20 years by leading makers, the heat pump nevertheless poses a few problems for the buyer.

The first obstacle is price—from $2,500 to $4,000 installed, including ductwork and controls. But the architectural savings the pump affords—no need for flues, openable windows, pitched roof, or indoor space to house it—may run to $1,000 on a medium-price home. Maintenance and fuel consumption are economical, too.

If you're planning a heating-cooling plant for your new home (in the $17,500-up class) experts say the heat pump will cost you little more than conventional heating and air conditioning. And if you are willing to wait 2 or 3 years, big [*Turn to page 219*

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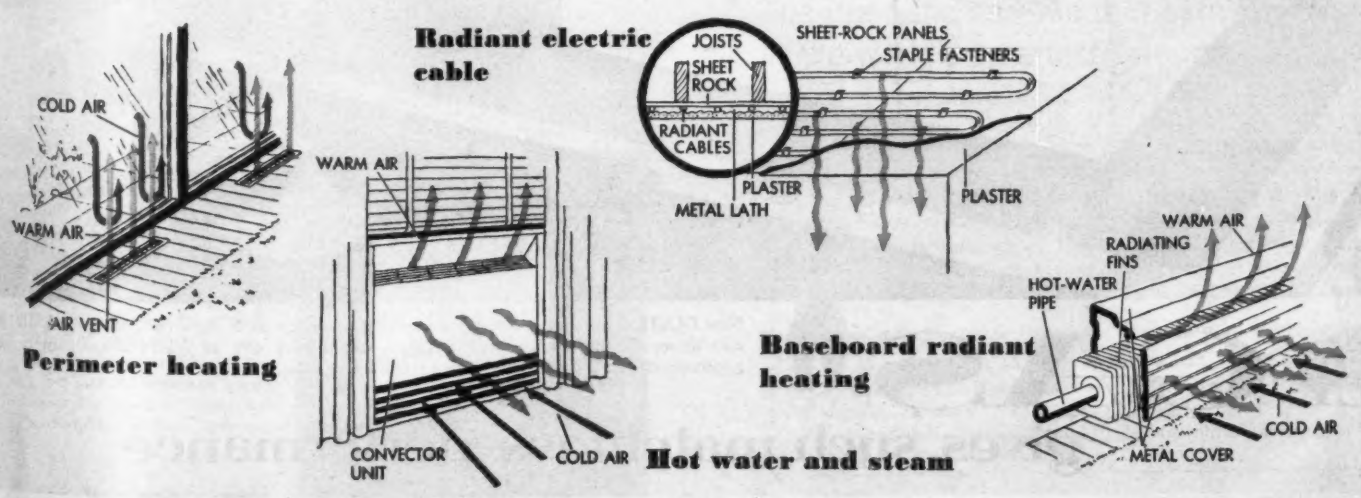

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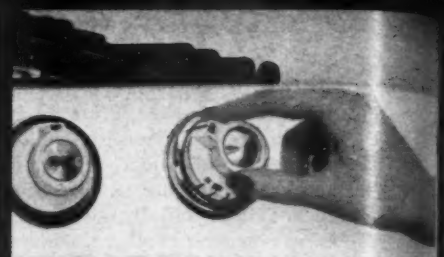

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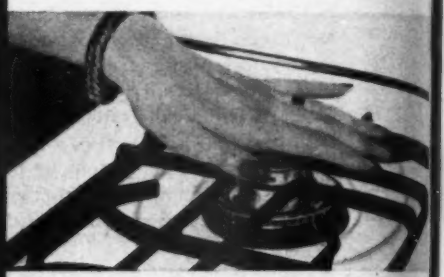

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Square sauce pot goes to a buffet party (picture at right). Parked on the black iron rack, sauce pot makes a stunning casserole and table warmer.

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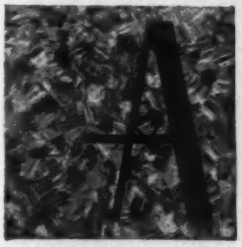

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Thermostat control is built into plug. When plug is out, cooker may be immersed in water for washing just like ordinary top-of-the-range pan.

Cooker has 4½-quart capacity, tight-fitting, self-basting domed cover.

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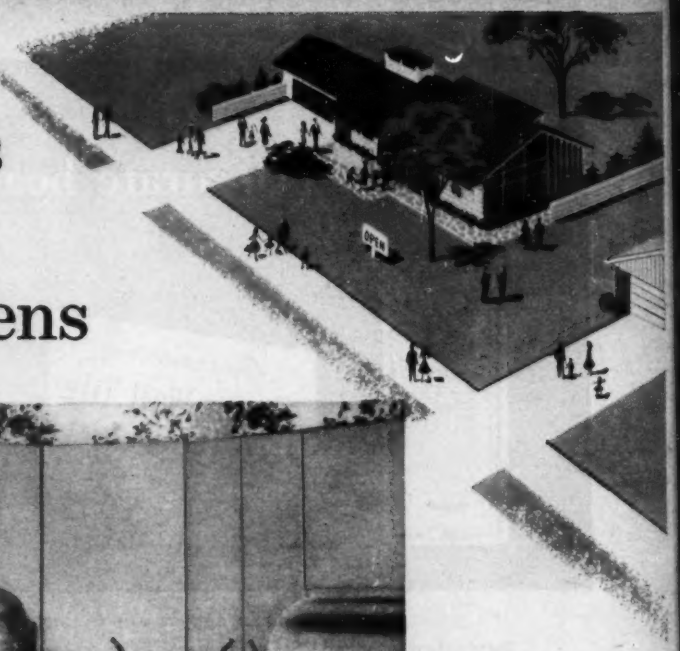

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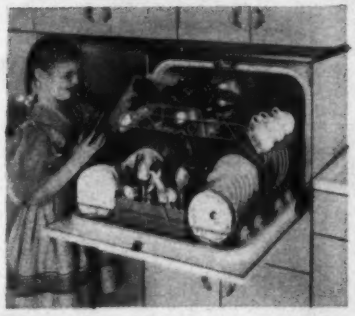

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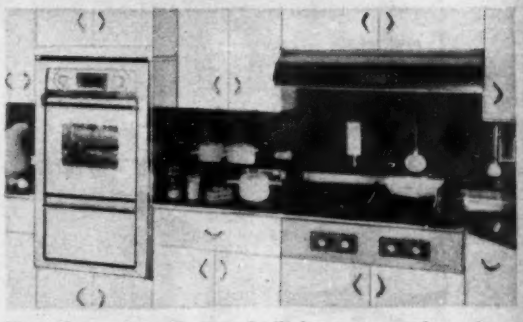

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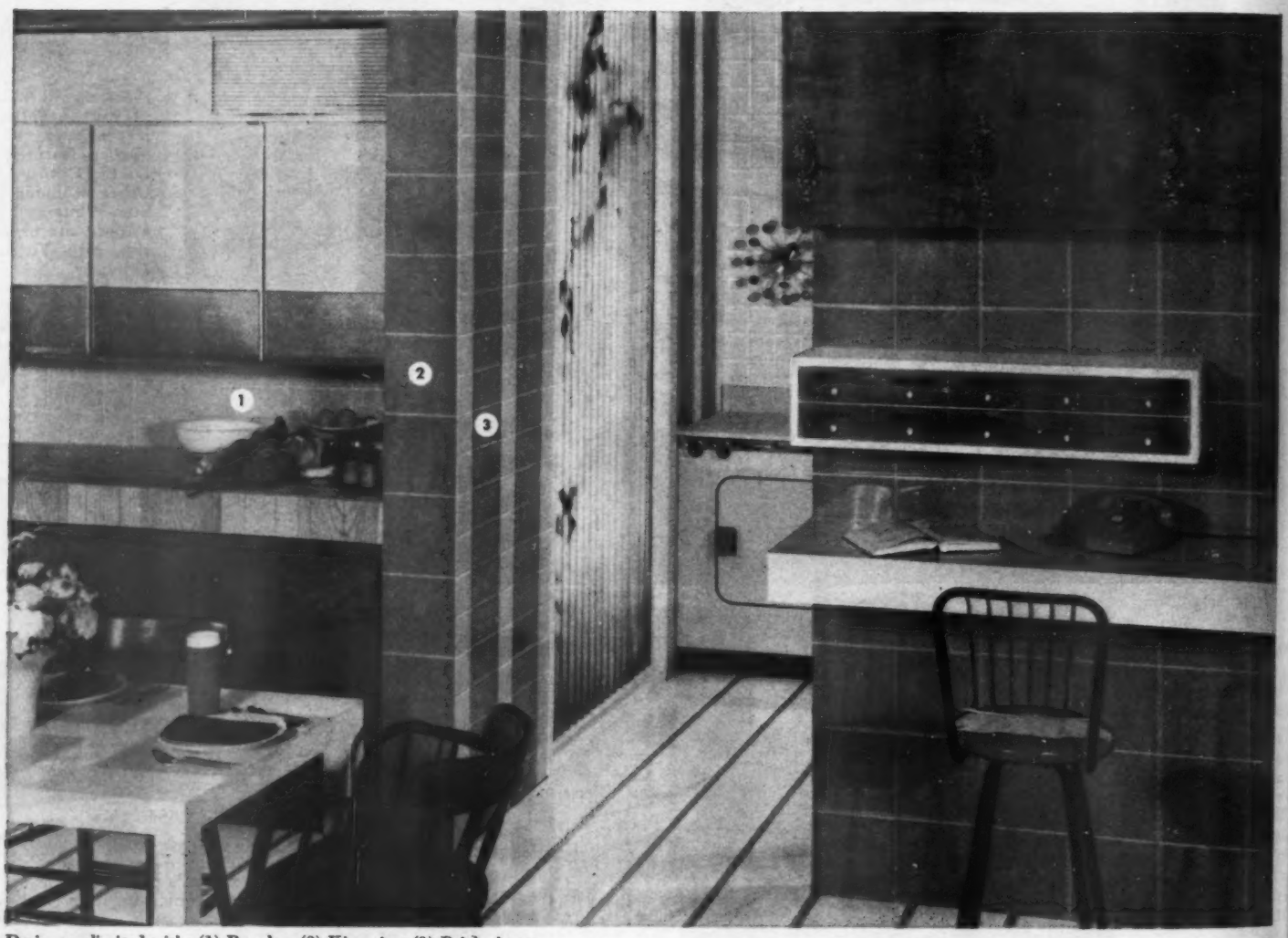

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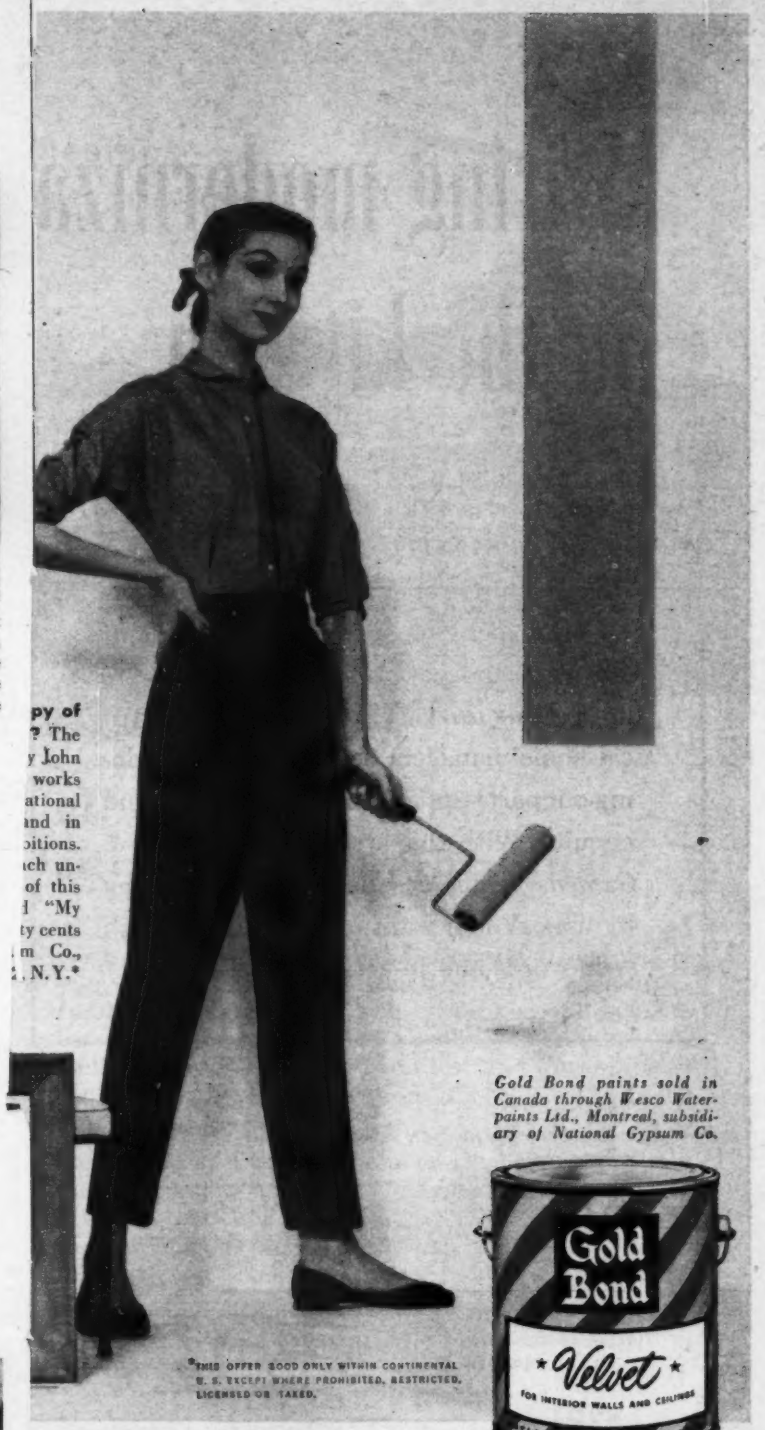

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Wiring modernization begins in the kitchen

EDITOR'S NOTE

Manufacturers are giving us more and better equipment to prepare our food, light our way, and heat our homes. But we're not getting top service from these electrical home managers because we're not doing our part—providing proper wiring and circuits. With this article, *Better Homes & Gardens* begins a series on proper wiring by uses. You'll want to follow us through—in words and in action!

In the past several years the kitchen has shrunk in physical size, but it has grown electrically. It's almost predictable if your house is over 10 years old that your kitchen is not properly wired for today's equipment. Our own failing is that many *new* houses are underwired.

Think of the electrical activities you perform in the kitchen measured by the equipment you have:

Food preparation—range, freezer, mixer, waffle baker, coffee maker, refrigerator, toaster.

Lighting—work counter, cabinets, and sink.

Service—clock, disposer, radio, dishwasher, ventilating fan, and—possibly—washer and dryer.

The wiring we call "obsolete" (30-ampere service entrance) is still in use. It supplies lighting and a few plug-in appliances for the kitchen. It would not allow with any degree of efficiency the major appliances listed above. An entrance of 60 amperes, common in many new houses, would allow lighting, plug-in appliances, and a range. But it would have to be enlarged before any major appliances could be added.

An adequate system with a basic electrical capacity of 24,000 watts (100-amp entrance) would service this typical kitchen and allow room to grow, electrically. And grow you will! Experts maintain that you've tripled your electrical activities in the last 20 years—and you'll double that in the next 10.

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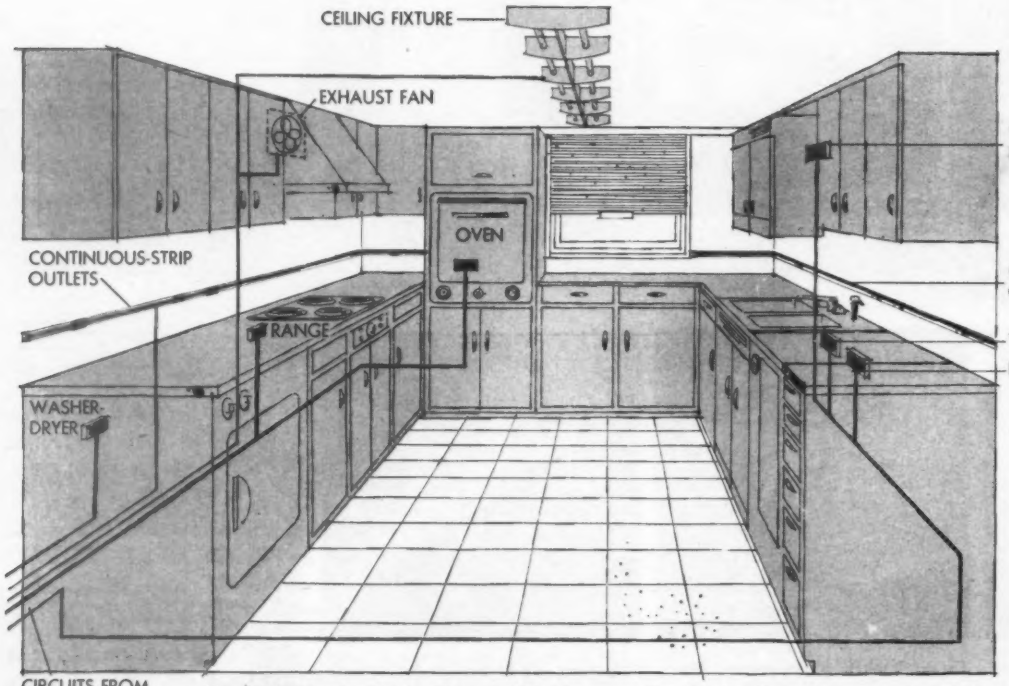
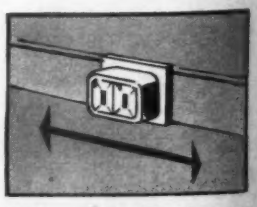
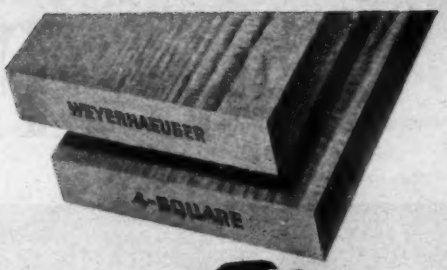




Individual circuits in blue are 230-volt, each serving specific appliance—range-oven and combination washer-dryer. Dishwasher, disposer, and wall refrigerator are on *special-purpose circuit* designed for 115- or 120-volt appliances. *Small-appliance circuits* of 115-volts for coffee maker, toaster, and the like take loads up to 2300 watts. 115-volt *general-purpose circuit* is for lighting throughout house, and for appliances outside of kitchen

Strip outlets like these are detachable, can be clipped in anywhere along the strip. Recommended for kitchen: every 4 feet behind counters



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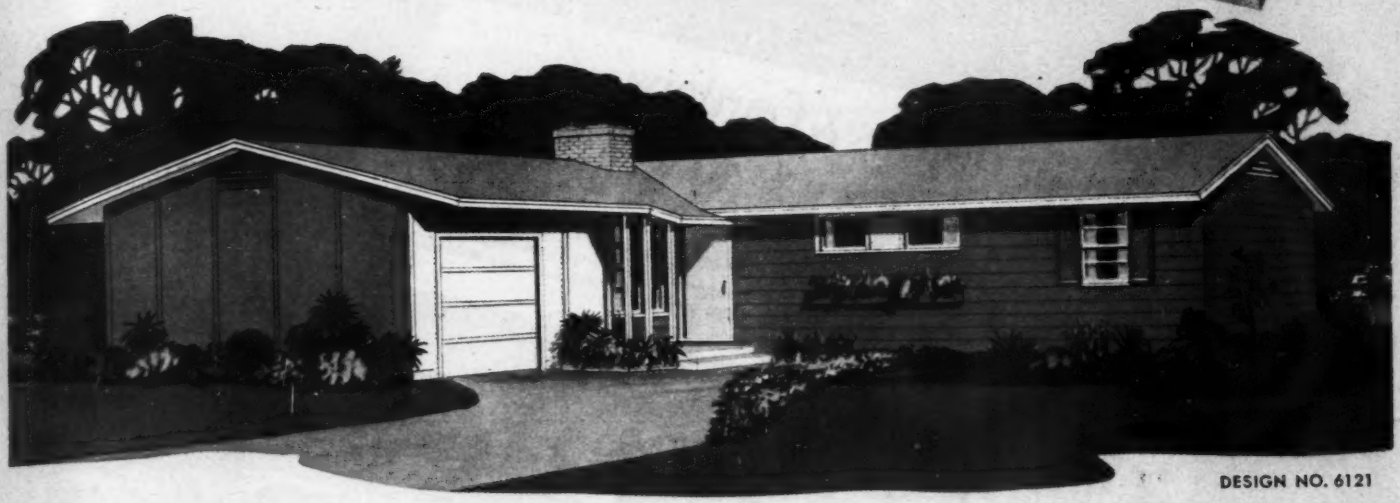

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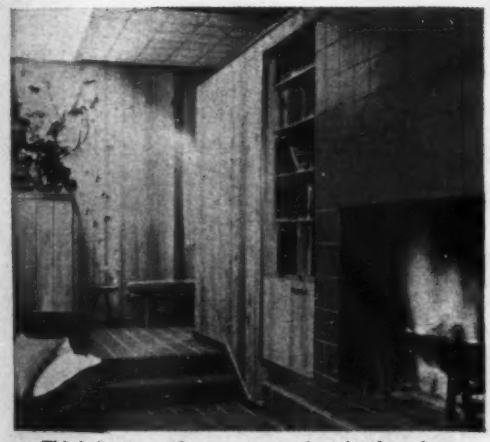

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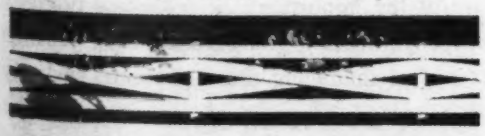

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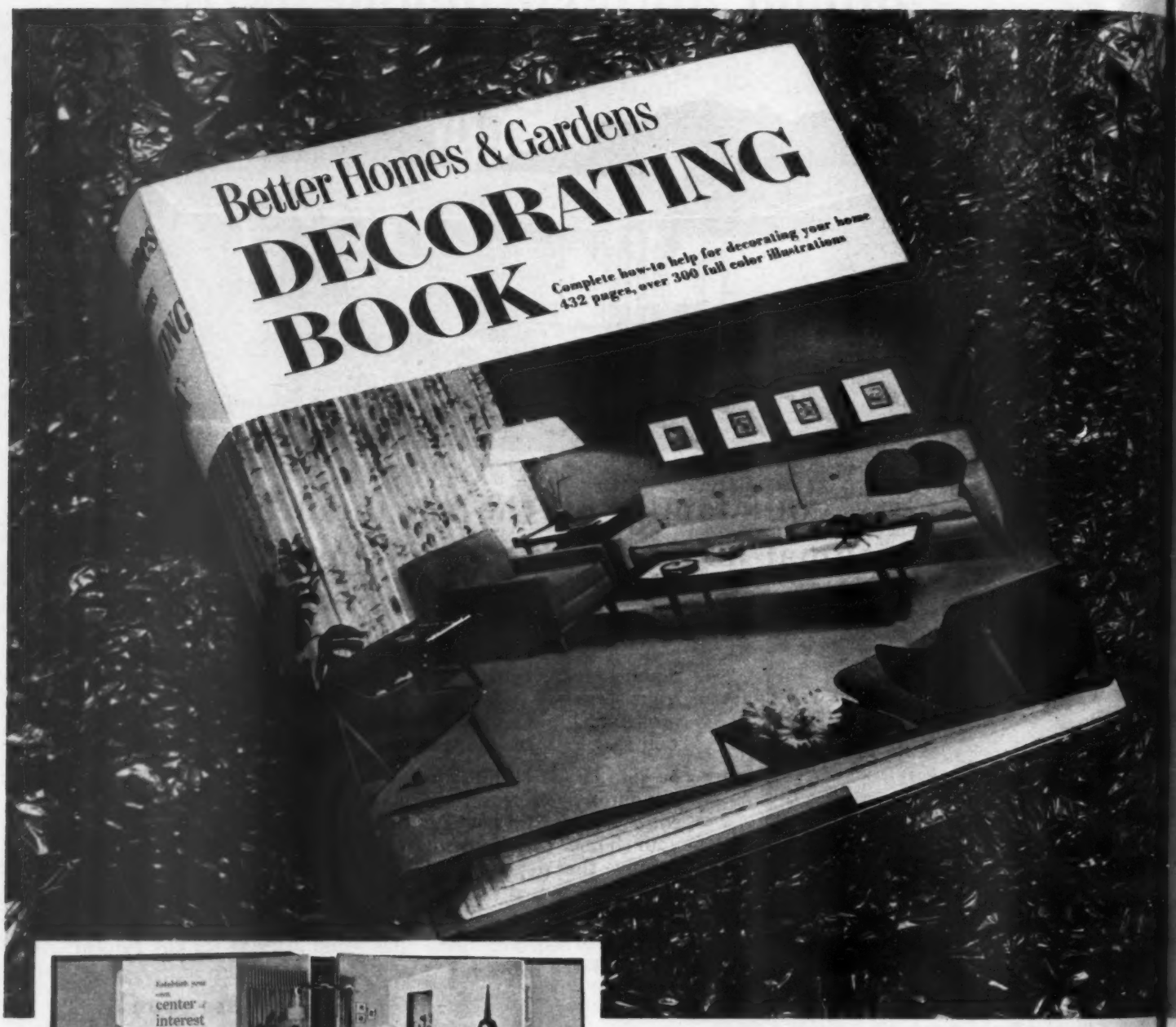

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First aid for ailing tools

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To touch up dull auger bits, clamp in vise and use fine file you can buy for the job.

One end has uncut edges, the other uncut sides. Sharpen the lips as you would cut a chisel, observing 20-degree angle of the lips.

Do not sharpen the outside curve of the lips except to smooth wire edges.

Depth-cutting underedges of auger bit are nothing more than two chisel edges at the ends of the twists.

File them as pictured, on upward (tang) side of the edge, pressing only on the forward stroke.

Special auger bit file also can be used for touching-up lead screw, which pulls lips through stock.

Power equipment needs periodic lubrication . . . more if tool is in continual use.

Multipurpose grease is ideal for most quarter-inch drills. For all power-tool motors, it's best to check manufacturer's instructions for type of lubricant to use.

Usually, No. 10 oil—applied sparingly—is recommended. Few drops are plenty.

Mason's trowels do smoothest job when they're not caked with tiny particles of plaster and concrete, rust.

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Thin film of light machine oil protects metal from rust. This is good idea for *any tool* subject to rust.

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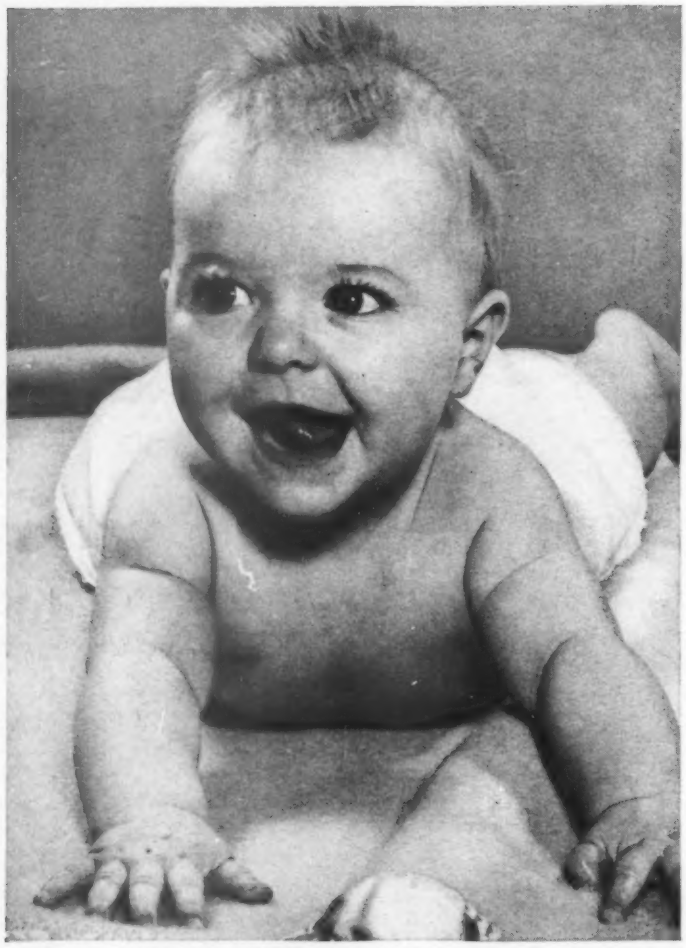

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Music and your child

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Today, music is music. It is not divided by fashion or snobbery into classical and popular. Young people embrace music as a whole. They like classics along with moderns. They enjoy Gilbert and Sullivan as well as the latest mambo on the jukebox.

They are interested in everything—whether it's Mozart or the latest song by Dick Rogers. When you speak to young adults, the first thing they will tell you is, "Well, I started by liking to listen to Lou Waters and Dave Brubeck, but now—look at my records." And the list will include Debussy, Bach, everybody.

The "hit" songs and jukeboxes are not to be condemned, either. They may form an important bridge for some children to a liking for music. For many, the lighter works are stepping stones to a deep appreciation of abstract music. A child should play and listen to whatever kind of music attracts him. And if it is something which drives you almost out of your mind, have faith that after a while his tastes will progress and improve.

Once you have created the interest to learn, the next step is the choice of teacher—one who can stimulate your child's musical education and maintain his interest.

Consider first of all what success the teacher has had with other pupils. Do they progress in their technique and do they like the teacher? This is not a matter of money. Some local teachers who charge relatively little may do more for your child than teachers who charge a great deal. If a child likes his schoolteacher, his studies come easier and he generally makes better grades. The same is true in music.

Next comes the problem of practicing! Almost all children hate that part of their musical education, but they will get over much of their dislike if you use some psychology. For instance, if your child does homework for 2 hours and, when he's through, you say, "Now, you sit down and practice,"—well, that's psychologically the wrong time.

Why not let the child play in the yard for a while, or read a book, or relax with a game—and then, when the bugaboo of work is a little eased, he will be less reluctant to go to his music.

Parents should know that there isn't one living musician—and I don't care what his caliber—who at some point does not detest practice. Even the greatest musicians have hit a time when they would like nothing better than to abandon music forever.

So don't be alarmed when your child reaches a stage where other distractions (TV, movies, after-school sports) seem more attractive than sitting at the piano, restricted to finger gymnastics. This often happens when the child enters his teens and begins to be more interested in things outside himself and his own home.

You'll have to use wisdom in handling this attitude. One method is to agree, while crossing your fingers, that both lessons and practice may as well stop. Then wait and hope.

A method I would never approve is to cut music out of the child's life merely because he doesn't want to study—in the expectation that he will learn to miss it. Records, concerts, and an emphasis on the enjoyment of music should continue.

Give your child the security of knowing that he doesn't have to study music as he would a dull but very necessary school course. You should remind him gently that music exists, and that perhaps he would enjoy it even more if he resumed an active part in it.

How can a child learn to like practicing? You must give it a purpose. For example, where there is a scale to be done, the teacher should say, "Listen when you play a scale. The tone should be very beautiful—like little bells."

Then the child has something to *do*. He is listening to the tone, and he is not so conscious that he is practicing a scale. Afterwards you say, "Play the first time very softly, the second time a little louder, the third time *very* loud!" Then there is a reason for the child to play scales. When someone simply says, "Play the C-major scale 50 times," nothing could be more dull.

In my own childhood, I hated practicing so much that I am not ashamed to say I evolved a short cut. I don't know whether it has ever been followed by others, but it helped me.

Children well know how difficult it is to find the fine lines on a score and then find the corresponding notes on the piano. To me, trying to locate where each line was on the piano seemed a terrible waste of energy. So I took indelible ink

"Couldn't I just take a dollar out of my piggy bank and go to the barber-shop?"

and wrote on the piano keys, "1-2-3-4-5." Then I didn't have to hunt for the placing of the notes on the piano.

There was great consternation when my teacher discovered this—but the ink was so heavy it couldn't be washed off. It was just wonderful! Practicing became mechanical, like touch typing.

Ever since, I've asked myself why piano keys should not be so marked? The letters appear on a typewriter keyboard. When you learn to type, you look at them. Later, you no longer have to look. It could be the same with the piano.

Often I'm asked, "In what way can the parent help in creating and maintaining the child's interest, beyond merely buying an instrument, getting him a good, sympathetic teacher, and encouraging him to practice?"

My answer is that I would have a child listen to program music on records. Not abstract music, but music with stories like "Scheherazade," "La Mer," "Peter and the Wolf," which is very easy because it has spoken words. Anything that has a story which the child can follow in music will encourage his interest.

Abstract music—that is, the symphonies, concertos, chamber music, and so on—is difficult for the child's mind unless he is unusually interested in music.

Another recording you may want to obtain is Benjamin Britteon's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra," which helps a child to identify instruments other than the one he is playing.

Records, especially in a family where the parents are not musically gifted, often provide real inspiration to a child. Much of my own inspiration, however, came from my mother. She played the piano, quite well for an amateur, and she often played the Schubert "Impromptu in A flat major."

One of the best hints I can give parents is introduce your child to four-hand music. Years ago, duets were very fashionable. Every home seemed to have a piano, and every piano had books of duets. Before the days of radio and fine phonograph records, people reproduced even the most difficult music by four-hand arrangements for the piano. Almost all great orchestral works, operas, and difficult piano compositions were available in simple duet forms in those days.

This is, today, an almost untouched field. And yet it would still have an enormous value in teaching children. If you can play at all, try some duets with your child. You will make the whole subject of music more interesting to him, because he will find himself a part of melodies and pieces he could never approach by himself.

The first thing I played four-hands with my teacher was the "Overture to Tannhauser." Alone, I could not have played it. I always played the treble in duets—unless it was too difficult. Then, I had to play the bass.

As a child, I found nothing which could distract me from music. But then I was naturally interested in it. Today's children have a thousand diversions which may easily seem more interesting. Music, therefore, must be made even more attractive to hold its own.

What provided me with the greatest sense of personal pride and accomplishment as a child was when I played a small recital in my school. I was about 6.

That was my first public appearance. I remember that the applause startled and pleased me. I had never heard applause before. This, and the fact that the recital was a success, was a spur to me.

I played simplified versions of the "E flat Nocturne" of Chopin and the "Marche Militaire" of Schubert. I do not claim that the performance was extraordinary. But that applause—it rang in my childish ears for months afterward.

I never became a professional pianist, although I have always played fairly well. I gravitated naturally towards composition and conducting.

To sum up, I believe more in "Do" than "Don't."

First of all, study the child. Find out what he likes, and don't expect the child's interest to be an exact replica of your own.

Keep an eye on the music teacher from two angles only: Does the teacher command the interest and liking of your child? And, can you notice some slight but continued advance?

Emphasize the child's achievements when they are good, and don't make comparisons with something better. Don't, by any means, praise anything and everything.

Be genuinely interested in your child's musical development. Even if you are not outstandingly musical, you may find a new world of enjoyment opening in your own life if you share his discoveries.

But, however much you may know about music, leave teaching to the teacher and confine your assistance to encouragement. Keep your sights set on the end product you hope to achieve—a son or daughter who, by your wise guidance, will carry a knowledge and love of music into adult life, as an integral part of it.

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Your pet and mine

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My dog has been spayed and is excessively fat. Is spaying responsible for this?

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I have a certificate that says my dog has been permanently vaccinated against distemper. I also have been told that it is good to give him booster inoculations periodically. Is this necessary?

Recent research has shown that vaccination for canine distemper is highly efficient, but the vaccination loses its potency over a period of time. For this reason, most veterinarians recommend that booster inoculations be given for distemper about each 6 months until the dog is 2 or 3 years old. After that, a yearly booster inoculation will greatly increase the efficiency of his immunity to distemper.

I am a Girl Scout working for a merit badge. How can I get some information for earning my merit badge in First Aid to Animals?

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Wiring modernization

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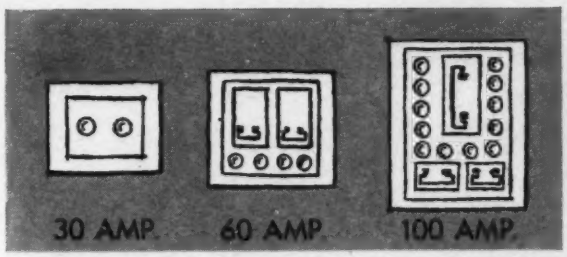
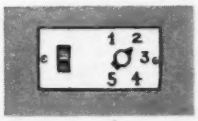


Service entrance should provide 4500 watts for lighting, plug-in appliances—*plus* additional wattage for major appliances. Above, 30-amp main switch has capacity of 3600 watts; 60-amp supplies 14,500 watts. Today's *minimum*, 100-amp, supplies 24,000 watts

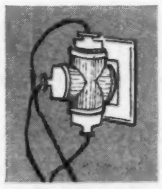
Multiple-control switch (below) lets you set all kitchen lighting from one dial-selector panel. Switch is best located just outside main entrance to the kitchen.



Multiple-control switch

Major appliances taking individual 115- or 120-volt circuits are on standard convenience outlets. However, special-purpose outlets are designed for three-prong plug found in 230- or 240-volt equipment, like dryer, range.

Other special outlets, like new recessed clock outlets, get rid of trailing electric cord.



Banish "octopus" outlets

Chances are you own three times as many appliances today as ever before. Yet most kitchens still depend on jumble of four outlets or less.

Outlets are not the cure-all in your kitchen wiring modernization. New outlets do not increase the current-carrying capacity of your circuits. And wiring modernization always begins with the circuits.

If you're up to standard here, your next move is to see what's available in outlets and switches.

Switches go hand in hand with outlets in any wiring modernization. A kitchen with two entrances should have switches at each to turn on the light on entering and off on leaving by another door.

Recessed clock outlet

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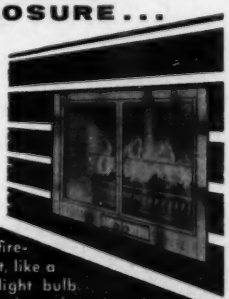

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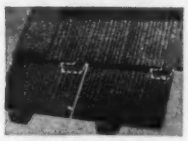

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The ABC's of heating today's house

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Second hurdle for the heat pump is built into the very theory that makes it work: even on coldest days there is always some relative heat in the air, down to absolute zero, 459 degrees. The heat pump extracts this heat, concentrates it, and spreads it through your home through ductwork. On hot days, it squeezes warmth from the indoor air and pumps it outside. This is a sound principle. In fact it is the same machine that runs an electric refrigerator—except that it is reversible; it can pump the heat either way.

But the colder the outdoor air, the harder the pump has to work to find heat enough to warm your home. In other words, the worse the weather, the less efficient the heat pump gets. Nevertheless, engineers feel the machine is practical for all but the coldest climates.

The thermostat is the device that has the final say about how your heating system will operate. Since you pay for its mistakes, most experts urge that you steer clear of thermostat "bargains." The difference between a precision instrument and a poor one may well be less than $10—a sound investment to make.

The simplest control goes on or off at a preset temperature. Next step up is a *timed control*, to turn heat down at night and up in the morning. If your schedule does not get you into bed and back out of it at the same hours, a timed control may not be worthwhile. However, another type of timed control operates like an alarm clock. When you go to bed, you simply set it for the time you want heat to come on in the morning. Just hand-wind it and let it go.

The crucial factor in controls is placement. Controls should be on a completely interior wall, unprotected to sense the first coolness that demands more heat. The newest thought in thermostat placement is that while most controls are placed at eye level, the greatest heating need is at sitting level and below. So experts say the thermostat should be no lower than 48 inches from the floor.

Another controls problem is that a thermostat can measure only the air immediately around it. The outer rooms in a rambling home, or the upper floor of a two-story house will have different heat needs than the living-room area the thermostat samples. And even the conventional house divided into living, sleeping, and working areas requires different temperatures for different activities. So it may be wise to divide your home into *control zones*.

This follows the principle of sending heat to the places which need it most, holding it back from the areas which are already warm. If your home has a rambling plan, several levels, big window areas, outside walls of varying materials, or a prevalent high wind on one side (which wipes away heat), zoning may give you comfort and economy. It will give you a *second* or *third* thermostat which will demand more or less heat for its zone from the central heat source, and it can be applied to any good heating system.

All heating engineers approve the new concept of indoor-outdoor thermostatic control. This is a system in which you have two thermostats—one inside, one outdoors. The outdoor thermostat, by sampling the weather, can anticipate the need for more heat as the outdoor temperature drops. In this way, the indoor thermostat is alerted to begin supplying the heat that will be needed as the shell of the house cools. Warnings of extreme outdoor cold will automatically raise the thermostat setting indoors to prepare a protective shield of warmth.

Filters that eliminate much of the dust, dirt, and pollen passing through the air can be used in any warm-air heating system operating with an automatic fan. The efficiency of filters depends on frequent cleaning. Foreign particles lodged in the filter naturally cut down the flow of air through the filter—and put an increasing burden on the fan motor. During the heating season, filters should be checked and cleaned monthly, and replaced (or washed and re-oiled) at intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

Glass-fiber filters, light in weight, can be cleaned by a household vacuum cleaner. And there are now expanded metal sheets available that are periodically washed and dipped in oil.

Electronic air cleaners remove a high percentage of dust, dirt, pollens, particles of coal and oil smoke, and even tiny viruses from the air by electrifying and trapping the smallest particles passing through the cleaner. Air-borne allergy sufferers have found almost complete relief where a cleaner is installed.

Air conditioning is easily adaptable to warm-air heating. Many combination heating-cooling units are now made, and you can buy the heating element separately with an eye to cooling later. Remember, too, to ask your contractor if the heating ducts will be big enough for cooling. Taking these precautions now can save a great deal of future expense and increase the market value of your home if you should sell.

Insulation. The more heat you can keep in your home, the less you have to make. In fact, experimental rooms have been so well insulated against heat loss that they could be heated with ordinary light bulbs.

You'll probably never have light-bulb heating, but it's a good illustration that insulation can save money not only on fuel, but also on the size of the heating equipment you need to buy. Your home will stay cooler in summer without air conditioning. It will be cheaper to buy air conditioning, and you'll save money on operating costs. And insulation minimizes drafts.

The consensus of experts, confirmed by recent research, is that insulation should cost you little or nothing in the long run, and that it is a practical essential anywhere in the United States. In fact, the Housing and Home Finance Agency has issued guides and formulas to show how long it will take for various insulation jobs to pay for themselves.

Old heating systems can be brought up to these modern standards. But before you replace a furnace or boiler, have a heat-loss calculation made. Don't simply buy the same size you had before. No calculation may have been made when the first one was installed. Or, changes in the structure may have changed the heating requirements. The addition of an extra room, the finishing of an attic, or the addition of big glass

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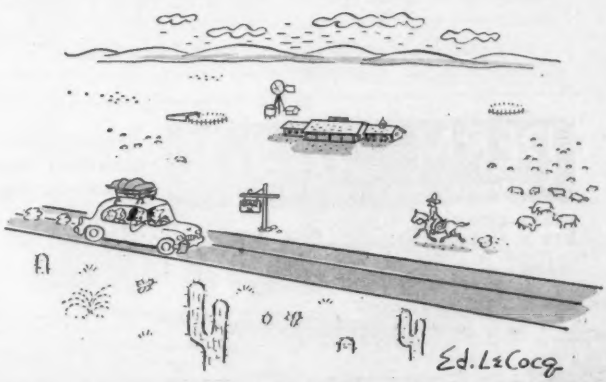

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The changes appear to be major—because there's so much more going on now at the Dan Lane house in Dallas. The three changes in space they already had make it attractive and usable for family activities. They remodeled the attached garage into a boy's room, built a new shelter for the car and for play, and bricked in more of the yard to make a bigger terrace. The cost seems small compared to all the added enjoyment the family gets.

Behind the new carport, close to Danny's room, the brick terrace has been enlarged. The boys like to use this spot for practice basketball shots. They can take over the area completely because there's room for adults on the other terrace. The paved area adds to the beauty of the yard — cuts down on grass that needs mowing!

Photographs: Meisel

Now there's plenty of room for Danny — and all his scouting buddies, too, in the remodeled garage. If someone spills pop, or forgets to wipe his muddy feet, the rubber-tile floor cleans in a jiffy. Shelves make desk and storage space that's as flexible as Danny's interests. Bathroom and closets were built in corners

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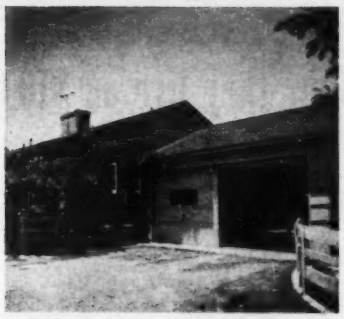
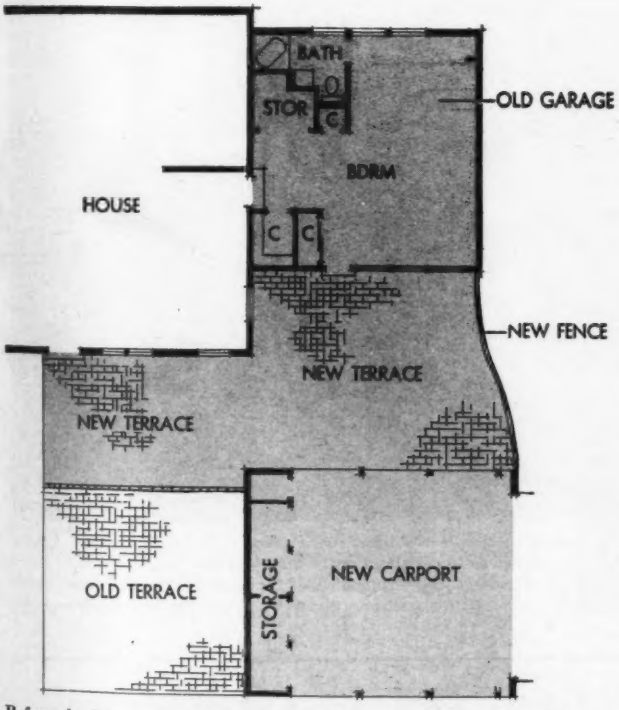
By Dorothy Monroe

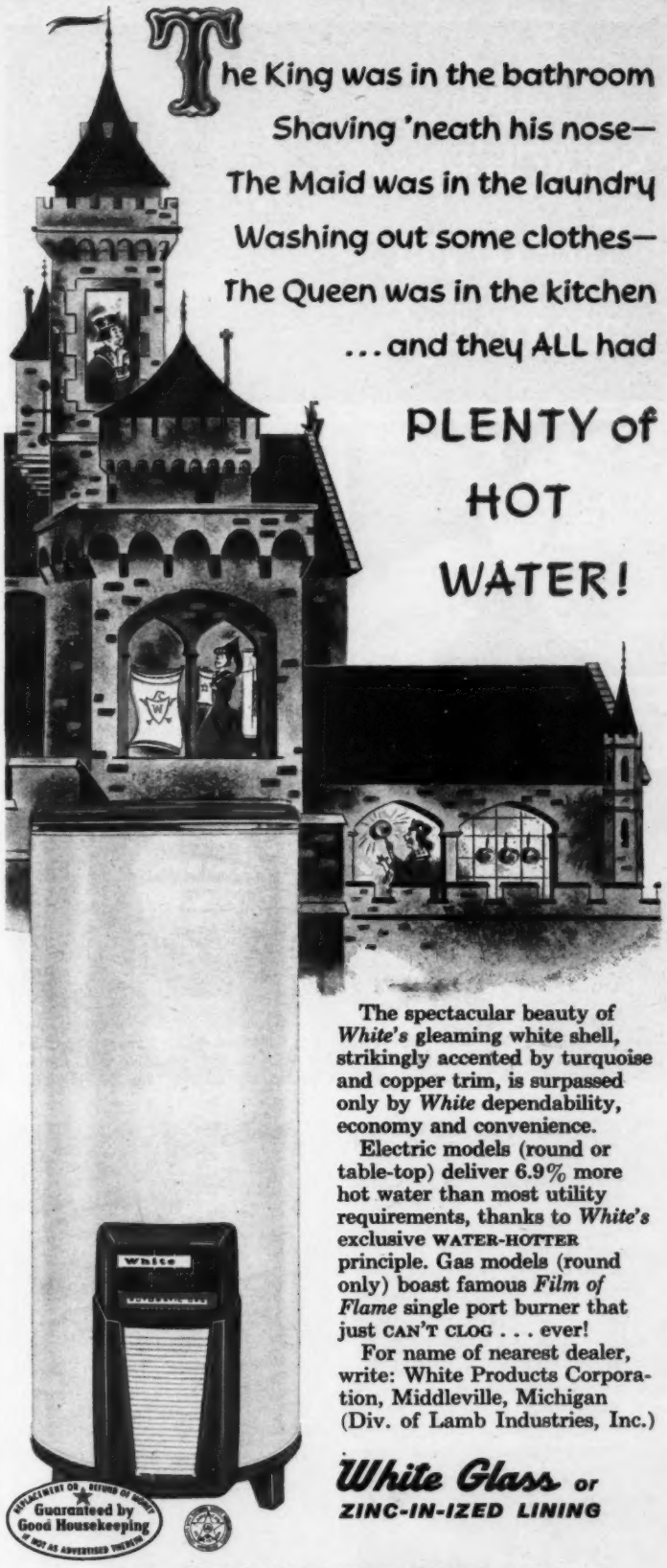


BEFORE. The family needed a bedroom and play area for an active son. There was lots of unused space in the double garage, and new windows and door were only major exterior changes

Gravel driveway in front of Danny's new room got the Cinderella treatment, too, with a new brick paving. This area plus the new carport combine to make a picnic spot for the whole family, with sun or shade, whichever is preferred. There's privacy, too, thanks to the tall, handsome new fence on the street side. (See plot plan.)



Before, the driveway was long and curved, covered with gravel and made a good share of the yard unusable. Then, as the plot plan shows, the driveway was shortened when the carport was built in the new position. Roomy storage cabinets at the back of the carport take care of lawn, sports, and hobby equipment, extra chairs



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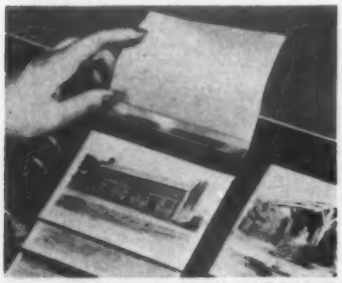

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How they live on $10,000 a year

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shopped around among banks and other financial institutions to get the best terms available, because the $16,000 price of the house was more than he could easily handle. He finally got an $11,000 mortgage at 6 percent and scraped up cash for a $5,000 down payment. This took all his savings plus a loan from Norma's mother, which he has since repaid with interest.

The year they bought this house was the most hectic of their lives. Beth, their oldest daughter, had been stricken with a rare bone disease which meant that she would be bedridden for a year. Fortunately the F.'s belonged to a medical-insurance group, so the doctor bills didn't soar out of sight, but Doug estimates that the first year of his child's illness cost him $300 for X-rays, treatment, special equipment, and other medical costs. "Mental therapy" came to about $130, because Norma brought home some new toy for Beth almost every time she went shopping, and Doug bought her a secondhand television set for $40.

Beth's sickness made it necessary to find the new home. They needed a place closer to Norma's mother and Doug's sister, both of whom were eager to help care for the child. As soon as Doug found it, he bought, without waiting to sell the house they were vacating.

The move and the illness cleaned out the family's savings. Beth is on crutches today, and the family doctor bills for the past 12 months have totaled $123, so Doug still hasn't any reserve for another rainy day. But he and Norma don't worry. They have no major debts except the 18-year mortgage. Besides, the move put him within 28 miles of his aircraft plant, so he now spends about $20 a month on gasoline and oil, instead of $40 formerly. Doug and Norma are sure they can easily tighten down on spending whenever necessary.

"We did it when Beth got sick," Norma says. "We didn't need to budget. We just cut miscellaneous

A flat-bottom boat you can build

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Boat's bottom is cut from single piece of ¼-inch plywood. Chines (frame pieces that extend from stem to stern) are screwed to lower edge of sides as mounting "ribs" for bottom. Bedding compound, boat nails, screws assure watertight joints between bottom, sides

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expenses like mad. We stayed home instead of going out twice a month. I made most of my own clothes, and Doug went a year without a new suit."

Doug normally buys two $65 suits a year, and one pair of $17 shoes. Norma enjoys sewing, so she never spends more than $150 a year on all her clothes and shoes.

Doug and Norma are cost-conscious, but in slightly different ways. Each Saturday Norma drives past several big supermarkets, going 5 miles to another market where prices are a cent lower.

"I save on the house money, but it costs Doug more for gasoline, and he never lets me forget it," Norma says. "However, I always win the argument, because my market has better meat. He likes good meat."

The F.'s figure they spend $40 a week on groceries, counting a dairy bill of $22 a month for butter, eggs, and 5 quarts of milk delivered every 2 days. The groceries run a bit higher when Doug helps shop, because he has a taste for fancy tidbits. Usually Norma goes alone, buying most of the week's supplies on Saturday and picking up perishables at the nearer stores during the week.

Doug doesn't eat much breakfast, but always bolts out at coffee-break for 25 cents' worth of rolls and coffee. He eats a 70-cent lunch in the plant cafeteria one day and a box lunch from home the next. The children usually eat home lunches, although at school Beth gets milk and other nutrition costing 35 cents a day. One night a month, Doug and Norma hire a baby sitter and treat themselves to dinner alone at a restaurant. Altogether, their food bill is about $2,360 a year.

Doug pays almost everything by check. This involves a lot of writing—last month he made out 54 checks, some for very small sums—but it gives him a view of where the money goes. Once a week he gives Norma a $25 check to "Cash," and pays any installments or insurance bills that fall due that week. He tries to keep about $150 in the checking account. If it drops below $100 he postpones some first-of-the-month bills for a few weeks. "We have charge accounts at a few places," he says. "We're never entirely out of debt to them. For example, when I buy clothes I may run up a $70 bill at once. Then I start paying in $20 chunks. After 3 months it's almost all paid, but then I buy some more shirts or something. Still, I never get too far behind. Our credit rating is fine."

When Norma cashes her $25 check, she deposits $6 in the Christmas Club account at the bank. Out of the accumulated $300 in the account at the end of the year, $162 goes for taxes on the house, and the rest toward Christmas expenses. They buy about $100 worth of gifts for the children and their relatives, and lay aside $25 for entertaining friends who drop in during the holidays. Norma always buys a new dress in December; and the Christmas dinner with trimmings costs $15.

The F.'s don't try to keep up with the Joneses. Doug doesn't own a tuxedo and Norma hasn't worn a formal since high school. At vacation time they go camping, kids and all. Last summer they borrowed a tent and a camp stove, drove 300 miles to a beautiful spot in the mountains, and had a glorious time for a total expenditure of $50, counting gasoline, oil, food, and fishing license.

Every year or so the F.'s buy some major item of household equipment. They seldom buy until they've compared various brands, and perhaps haggled a little.

"Our biggest extravagance last year was a hi-fi set, which we'd wanted for years. We kept pricing them, but they cost $250 to $600, and we didn't feel we could afford that much. Finally we spotted one for $165, but we waited until a sale came along, and then grabbed it for $150. It isn't awfully good—we call it our low hi-fi set—but we can sure tell the difference from our old record-player."

They own an automatic clothes washer, but no dryer. They have a waste-disposal unit which Doug got wholesale for $54, and paid $22 to have installed. Next year they hope to pick up a dishwasher.

Norma has a wide acquaintance among baby sitters, and knows the price of each. When she needs one, she tries the 50-cents-an-hour ones first; if they're all booked, she starts calling her list of 70-cent sitters. Only after exhausting this list does she resort to agencies, which can always supply someone at $1 an hour. The F.'s total baby-

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Glazed Pear Pie

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- ¾ cup sugar*
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- Dash salt
- 3 cups sliced fresh pears*
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

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- 1 8-inch unbaked pastry shell

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- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- ⅛ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine

Combine ¾ cup sugar, ¼ cup flour, nutmeg, and salt; mix with pears. Add lemon peel and juice. Fill pastry shell. Combine remaining ingredients; sprinkle over top. Trim with extra pear slices, if desired. Bake in hot oven (425°) about 35 minutes.

* Or use canned pears with ½ cup sugar.

Baked Pears

Here's a glamor dessert that takes little more than a "twist of the wrist" to fix—

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 6 medium fresh pears, pared
- Sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- Chocolate decorettes

Put lemon juice and enough water to cover bottom in a 2-quart casserole. Place pears in casserole; cover and bake in moderate oven (375°) 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Remove from oven; sprinkle each pear with 1 to 2 teaspoons sugar. Bake uncovered 10 minutes longer to glaze. Serve warm or chilled. Top each pear with whipped cream and decorettes, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Jewel Salad

This refreshing molded salad is enhanced by cool, juicy pear slices or halves—

- 1 package orange-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- ¾ cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- Dash salt
- ½ cup shredded cabbage
- ⅓ cup grated carrot
- ¼ cup diced celery
- 3 tablespoons diced sweet pickle
- Chilled fresh pears
- Lemon juice

Dissolve gelatin in hot water; add fruit juices and salt. Chill till partially set. Add the vegetables and pickle. Pour into individual molds. Chill until set. Unmold on lettuce. Pare, core, and slice pears; dip in lemon juice. Place around molds. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Note: To match picture, double recipe and chill in 1½-quart mold. Circle with pear halves at serving time.

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ABC's of heating

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areas can put new demands on your furnace.

If your basic equipment is sound, but you are plagued by a cold room, drafts, or cold areas in a room, *balancing* may cure the trouble. This may be done in a day or two. It simply means studying the system to make sure that each area is getting the heat it needs, no more and no less. It may mean just adjusting dampers. Or in a hot-water system, a forced circulator might help push the hot water to cold zones. An extra thermostat and minor duct or pipe changes may turn the trick by zoning your house. Balancing may be needed when any change is made in the system.

New, adjustable *diffusers*, instead of old-fashioned grills, may put an end to unpleasant blasts of hot air in a warm-air system. In a hot-water system, replacing old radiators with new, smaller ones, or with baseboard radiation or convectors may give you better distribution and added floor space.

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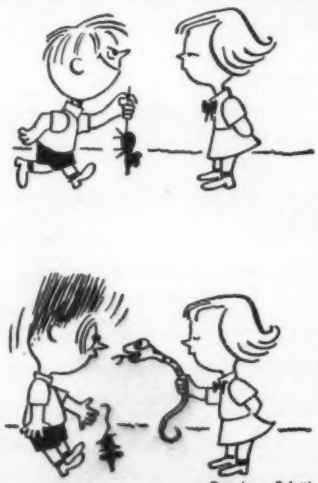
If a major change is necessary, try to bring the heat to the exterior walls. You may find that new short cuts and new products can make this modern heating possible in an older home.

A watchword in the heating industry is that you can't buy heating bargains. Or to put it another way, you'll get your bargains in heating by paying a little more. A few dollars extra invested in finer controls, a better furnace or boiler, better insulation or distribution can be returned many times over in comfort and in lower bills for fuel and maintenance.



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How to dig and store glads

Dig glads 6 to 8 weeks after last blooms fade. Earlier-flowering varieties turn yellow in late August or early September—late bloomers and corms set out for late bloom may still be green, so wait until after first frost

If you've grown gladiolus before, you know that they're a warm-weather plant, and seldom survive unless dug and stored inside over winter.

Even where the winters are mild, the corms—bulbs they are often called—will be stronger and healthier if they are dug and stored. When they're left in the soil, the cold, damp environment often leads to disease losses.

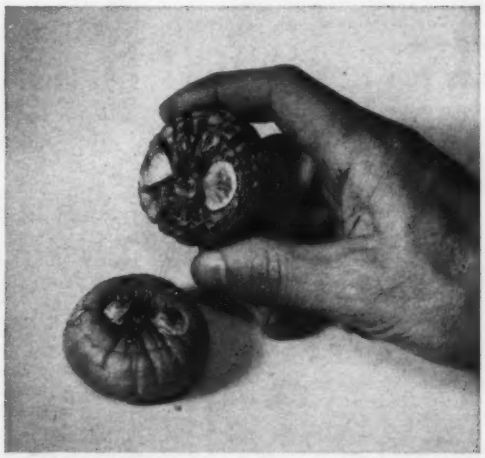
If you're growing glads for the first time this year, follow the steps outlined here. You'll carry your glads through the winter in fine shape, and they'll be ready to plant when spring warms up the garden soil next year.

Photographs: Stanley

Cut down tops to within a few inches of the corm, then place each variety in a separate box or porous sack for curing. Cure corms in a warm, well-ventilated room for 2 to 3 weeks—stir occasionally to aid their drying

When thoroughly dry, take corms from curing sacks to clean. For giant flower spikes next year, remove side buds—channeling corm's whole strength into single top buds. Save and label bulblets of your favorite varieties

Thrips feed on gladiolus corms during winter storage, move up to damage leaves and flowers in summer. Control these pests by sprinkling corms with 5 percent DDT dust. Store at a temperature of about 40 degrees



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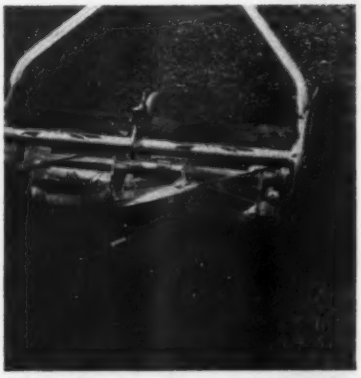
Revive grass that's beat by heat

Soak your lawn thoroughly for best watering results. A good, steady soaking can penetrate to grass roots, some of which are 2 feet deep in the soil.

Place cans to collect and measure amount of water deposited by sprinkler.

On the average, lawns require about an inch of water each week to continue growth.



Mow often, removing no more than top half-inch each time. If grass loses more than one-third of its length to mowing, it is robbed of vital food-manufacturing surface.

Don't stop mowing too early. Grass continues to grow several weeks after first frost. Left uncut, it topples and mats—unsightly all winter and difficult to cut next spring.

Give nature a hand by feeding the lawn a balanced plant food, such as 6-10-4.

A plant food spreader speeds job—is more accurate than hand. See that the bands meet—but don't overlap more than an inch or so.

Where lawn takes most wear, top-dress with thin layer of milled peat, compost, or other organic matter.

your lawn

Eliminating the trouble spots

Make it a point to catch crabgrass heads in reel mower basket each time grass is cut.

Crabgrass—or any other annual weed—has to depend on its self-seeding process to keep its foothold in lawns.

Mow often enough so crabgrass seed has little chance to mature, and you'll eliminate much of next year's crop.

Patch up bare spots. Sprinkle plant food—such as 6-10-4—on surface. Mix in food with spade or fork, turning over soil to at least 6 inches.

Remove stones and trash, then rake soil into furrows which catch and hold seed.

Spread seed evenly, tamp lightly to make it stick. You don't have to cover seed.

Spray the newly seeded patch morning and evening. Moisture aids germination—increases yield so you get full seed value.

Use fine, mist spray on level ground—porous soaker on slopes to prevent washing.

Keep soil moist until seedlings are an inch high; mow when 2 inches tall.

Aerate the lawn if it has become compacted in heavy-traffic spots. Check areas where children play and pathways where traffic has packed the soil and damaged grass.

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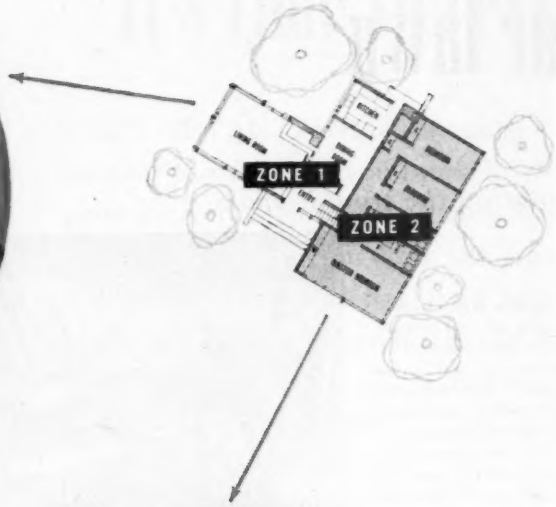

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When posts are in place, you're ready for adding rails

Add top rail first. Use it as a guide for lining up other rails. Coat wood at joints with preservative before nailing. When posts are spaced accurately, you can precut rails and save fitting time

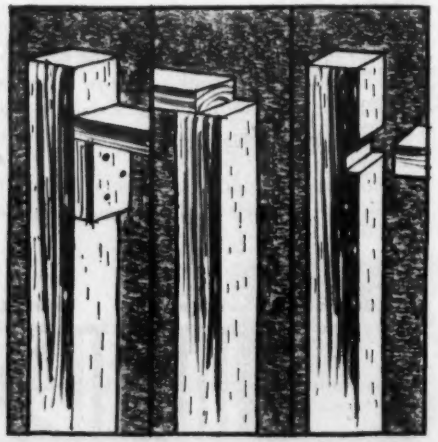
The basic post-and-rail fence is easy to build, and needs no adornment. Yet, workmanship will be important, since all joints show. If the materials are rustic, minor imperfections in details do not detract. But if you use finished lumber, careful fitting and cutting pay off.

You can build a basic post-and-rail fence now, and add panels or pickets later. Precaution: choose joints which will carry the extra weight of screening material as well as the weight of rails.

The actual method of fastening depends on the size of the lumber and the weight the rails will carry. A butt joint is usually unsatisfactory unless it is supported by a cleat. Wood cleats are satisfactory, but metal cleats may be less conspicuous.

Suggestion: assemble with finishing nails, then fasten permanently with screws or bolts which can be tightened later, if they are needed.

Mark position for bottom rail by measuring from top rail—not by reference to ground level. Use nails which are at least three times longer than thickness of wood



These basic joints can be modified according to your experience and equipment. Butt joint on left is substitute for mortise joint on right. Lap joint, center, is common fence type—also used frequently for attaching rails to side of post

PUSH OUT

Cut along dotted lines

FENCES—from post to rail to screen

All fence designs have the same three basic units: posts, rails, and screens

Fences are built to solve problems: to mark property lines, to give privacy, to help control wind, to provide a background for flowers. Fences are also built to create new opportunities for gardening and outdoor living. They do this by helping you organize space on your lot.

Whatever your reason for wanting a fence—practical or personal—you can build it yourself. (One exception: heavy woven-wire fencing is best erected by specialists.) Fences, no matter how intricate, are made up of three simple parts: posts, rails, and screening. In some cases, the rails form the screen. The following pages give you a guide for assembling these basic units.

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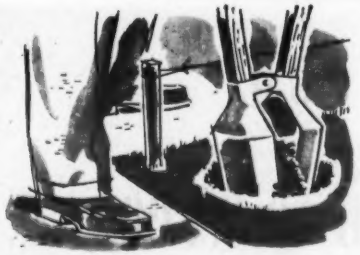


Set corner posts first, then connect the tops with a taut cord. When end posts are even, other posts can be leveled easily

To lengthen life of posts, set each on a pocket of gravel or sand for drainage. If posts are not pretreated, coat parts to be buried with chemical preservative

How to set posts

Perhaps the most important step in building a fence is being sure that it lines up straight. The smaller the property, the more important accurate alignment becomes.

After you have checked legal codes to see that your new fence meets local building requirements, get a supply of stakes and a ball of strong cord. Drive a stake at each end of proposed fence line, then stretch the cord for a guideline.

Before you start digging postholes, drive a stake at position of each post. Normal spacing between posts varies from 6 to 8 feet. Your lumber dealer will help you determine best spacing for your particular fence pattern.

Corner posts and posts carrying heavy screening should be buried ⅓ of their length—unless they're anchored in concrete. Bury other posts at least 2 feet.

Drawings: Ken Gunall

As you set posts, brace with outrigger stakes and check alignment. Don't tamp soil around posts until alignment and height are correct

Setting posts in concrete? Then mound top to shed water away from post. Let mortar set about 4 or 5 days before continuing work

Cut along dotted lines

Attaching pickets, panels, and screening

By adding "extras" to your basic post-and-rail fence, you can add greatly to its utility. In addition to being a physical barrier, the fence can help control wind, sight, and even noise.

These extras may be time-tested pickets, diagonal braces, or panels of wood, plastic, or asbestos cement. In fact, any weather-resistant material you can attach to a frame can be added to your basic fence. Even glass is not eliminated.

You can combine these materials with your basic fence pattern to get any degree of privacy and screening you need. The only critical limitation is that you choose a screening material that goes well with your basic fence and its surroundings.

Some suggestions and reminders for fence builders:

▶ If you build a boundary fence, be sure you know your exact property line, and stay within it. Some local codes require that fences be set back from boundary.

▶ Before you build any fence, check local ordinances about fencing with the building department at the city hall. A phone call will usually do the job.

▶ Do these things in advance: stake post positions, collect necessary tools, precoat wood with preservative.

▶ Don't skimp on the posts. Use the best you can, and use enough of them. One every 8 feet is maximum spacing for a heavy board fence. Tamp soil backfill thoroughly.

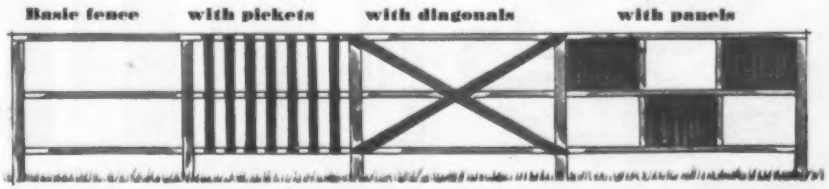
▶ If location is windy, set corner posts in concrete. If fence is solid screen, then set some of interior posts in concrete, too.

▶ Keep the bottom rail of the fence at least 2 inches above ground. This will help when you're trimming the grass, and cuts decay of wood on bottom rail.

▶ Don't be afraid to improvise. Vertical strips may be made from lath, dowels, bamboo—even pipe. For diagonals, use bark strips, packing-crate lumber. Burlap squares, wire mesh, plywood, canvas, plastic—all work well for full panels on a fence.

▶ Don't try to build your fence in one day. Take time and check all dimensions twice.

▶ Build your fence on paper before you begin to work. Careful planning will save headaches and extra work later.



The post-and-rail fence quickly changes its character when you start adding extras. Just which screening material you add depends on what you want fence to do. As general rule, make pattern evolve from the material and way it's used. Don't tack on unneeded trim

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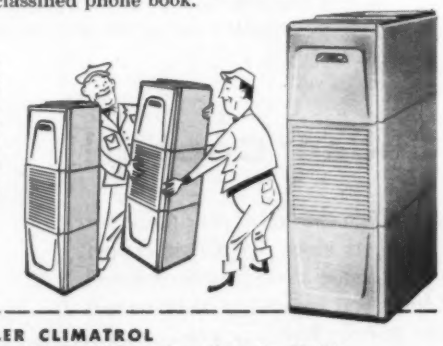

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Central and East

Lawns: Patch bare spots in established lawns and plant new lawns as soon as possible. Use a seed mixture containing a high percentage of bluegrasses for sunny areas, and fescue grass for sun and shade areas. Keep newly seeded areas constantly dark with moisture until seedlings are up. . . . Feed established lawns.

Annuals, perennials, bulbs: Plant daffodils as soon as you can get the bulbs. . . . Plant hepatica, trillium, bluebells, and other wildflowers where you want a work-free flower corner. Mix peat or leaf mold into the soil, and then mulch after planting. . . . Start rounding up cartons, burlap, plastic sheeting, and other materials to have on hand to protect plants from early frosts. . . . Order perennials to set out where you need extra color in spring and summer.

Vegetables and fruits: Cut squash and pumpkins before frost, leaving short stems on the fruits. . . . Remove spent vegetables and tall weeds from garden. . . . Water young plants started for fall vegetables. . . . Set out everbearing strawberries and keep watered. They'll bear next season.

Trees and shrubs: Plant balled and burlapped evergreens to complete your foundation planting. Mulch and water thoroughly at planting time. But don't feed until growth starts next spring. . . . Order young shade trees for planting in late fall. Choose deep-rooted types that won't compete with grass for food and water.

South and Southeast

Shrubs, trees: Keep on spraying or dusting roses with a multipurpose pesticide to protect new growth. Renew mulches where they have become thin. . . . Prepare soil for planting azaleas later in month. Choose spots protected from wind. Turn under generous amounts of compost or other organic matter. . . . In Florida, make last cutting back of poinsettias by mid-September.

Stake and tie up fall-flowering perennials, to protect them against wind and rain damage. As flowers grow larger, stems often topple

Feed your lawn now to encourage it to thicken up and overcome the effects of summer heat. Cool fall weather will help it use the food

REMINDERS

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs: Add Dutch iris, brodiaeas, species tulips, and other bulbs that you may not have grown previously. Plant bulbs as they become available, but hold tulips in the refrigerator 6 weeks before planting in Lower South. . . . Continue to plant hardy annuals—zinnias, nasturtiums, larkspur, calendulas, alyssum—along the Gulf Coast, in Florida, and up along the Atlantic Coast to Charleston. . . . Set out Madonna lily bulbs now so they will have enough time to get established before winter.

Lawns: Plant groundcovers, such as pachysandra, English ivy, and periwinkle, in areas where grass is difficult to grow because of shade. . . . Top-dress St. Augustine grass lawns with a thin layer of peat and soil mixed half and half. Use sod to patch centipede or carpet-grass lawns. . . . Feed and water thin lawns to encourage thicker growth.

Vegetables and fruits: Cover youngberry and boysenberry stem tips with soil to start new plants. Newly rooted plants can be set where needed early next spring. . . . Get beds prepared for planting strawberries during the next 2 months. . . . In most all sections, plant carrots, beets, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, and turnips. In Lower South, also plant English peas, cauliflower, broccoli, beans, and Irish potatoes.

Texas-Southwest

Lawns: Plant unsightly areas where grass is hard to grow, with ophiopogon, liriope, ajuga, nepeta, or other groundcover. . . . Start winter lawn by sowing annual ryegrass seed over closely mowed, well-fed Bermuda lawn.

Shrubs, trees: Pick faded plumbago blooms and keep plants watered to encourage new blooms. Water azaleas, gardenias, and camellias weekly to guarantee good bloom next year. . . . Continue to plant daylilies in the high plains area. Give established daylilies a handful of plant food in band around each plant. . . . Save water by keeping several inches of pine needles, hay, or other [*Turn to page 237*

Set out everbearing strawberries now, and you'll have fruit next spring. Use vacant garden space or set plants along garden path

Check your soaker-sprinklers and garden hose for leaks and tears. Replace worn fittings and patch up tears with plastic repair kit

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September garden reminders

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available mulch spread on soil between roses and other garden flowers. . . . Order evergreens for delivery and planting this fall.

Annuals, perennials, bulbs: In coastal areas, plant spiderlilies before midmonth. Set in spot where they can be watered easily. . . . Plant succulents and cacti outdoors in mild areas. . . . Set out spiderlilies in coastal areas, before the 15th. . . . Place order for daffodils, hyacinths, and other spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.

Planning ahead: Gather seed pods, branches, and other plant material suitable for indoor winter decorations. Hang in bunches upside down to dry.

California

Lawns: Revive tired-looking lawns by feeding with a plant food containing a high percentage of nitrogen. . . . Spray or dust lawns troubled with webworms. Use chlordane or dieldrin.

Shrubs, trees: Make sure mulch is not too high about base of camellia plants. Draw away any excess so plant remains vigorous. . . . In the San Diego area, plant the strawberry tree where a tall shrub is needed in full sun. . . . Finish trimming eugenia, privet, and laurel hedges for the season.

Annuals, perennials: Plant watsonia bulbs in groups among shrubbery, along fences, or as background for perennial border. . . . Plant new bulbs of ranunculus, and anemone bulbs in well-pulverized soil. Soak them overnight to make them plump before planting. . . . Plant the Humboldt lily in the adobe-soil areas. . . . Pull out spent annuals and prepare soil for replanting. Replace with young plants of pansies, calendulas, and violas. . . . Withhold water as soon as tuberous begonias start to look shabby so they'll ripen for storage. . . . Divide and replant polyantha primroses that have become crowded. . . . Use palm fronds or other foliage to shade plants and protect them from drying winds if water is short. . . . Move potted or tubbed chrysanthemums to outdoor living areas where you want masses of color.

Pacific Northwest

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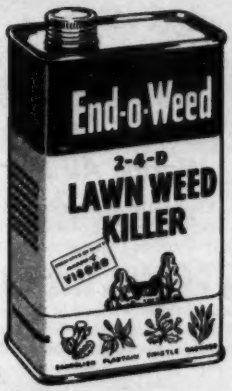

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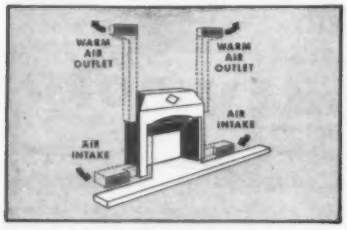

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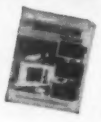

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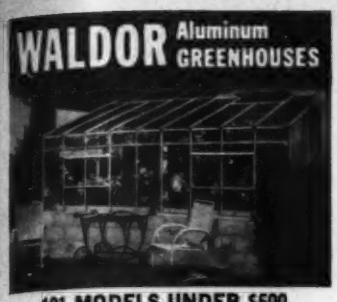

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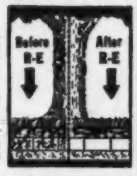

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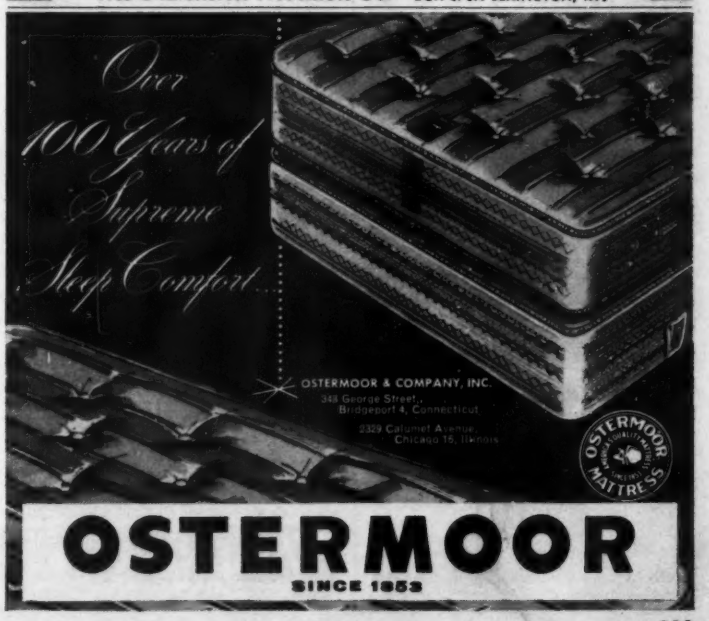

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Well, some of the pesky plants are beginning to look sick. It is too early to tell how much. By now, that crabgrass is mighty tough to kill. I should have gone after it when it was young and tender.

Sept. 2 This was bringing-in-the-sheaves day. Maggie began it by cutting posies and making a bouquet for the dining-room table. She had dwarf marigolds, some asclepias or butterflyweed, and what not. Also she gathered apples and made applesauce.

I dug some more potatoes, gathered tomatoes, cut a few bunches of grapes, and picked a mess of lima beans for supper.

Sept. 3 It's been 11 days since I last dusted the roses. No rain since then to wash off the dust. But dew is heavy. I saw some mildew on a bush over next the west hedge.

So I up and dusted the roses once again. This is the time of year to keep this up. Blackspot gets bad. Mildew flourishes with the dew.

Sept. 5 Forgot to mention the other day that I fed the mums again. They can stand another square meal about the time buds are forming. Some are beginning to show color now.

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Sept. 8 "Don't forget to mow the grass. At least mow the parts where there is crabgrass."

Thus I wrote on a note and left it where David would be sure to see it. I have to go off on a business trip for a few days and Maggie will go along for the ride.

Sept. 15 Oh me—why did I have to go away from home? Maggie and I were back by this afternoon and found things in a terrible mess.

While we were gone, it had rained. Washed all the dust off the roses. So I have the worst mess of mildew I ever had on roses in all my garden days.

So I donned garden regalia. Dusted all the roses and manipulated the lawnmower until dark.

Sept. 17 Maggie's activity for today was "Operation Cricket." The crickets are getting in the house and she can't figger out where. This afternoon she went on a hunt to rout 'em out.

My work was "Operation Cleanup." Cleaned out volunteer shrub and tree seedlings—and deadwood from shrubs. Cut up larger pieces for the fireplace. Burned the rest.

I don't suppose I'll ever live long enough to catch up on this kind of maintenance work.

Sept. 18 Donald, Janet, with Gary and Danny, here for dinner. Donald brought us two muskmelons he had grown. Later, outdoors, we took pictures of the two kiddies.

Sept. 20 Day before yesterday, Maggie cut a bouquet of petunias with long stems and put them in a little glass vase.

They were all F-1 Hybrids. I recognized Linda, Prima Donna, Crusader. At breakfast this morning, these petunias were still fresh and mighty purty.

Sept. 24 Well sir, if this isn't our wedding anniversary again. Maggie and I were homeward bound from another business trip. We celebrated by stopping to see the annual rose show of our American Rose Society district.

Sept. 26 Dearie me—cold this morning. So while Maggie worked with the bacon and eggs, I built a little fire in the furnace to warm us up and dry out the house. It was a dark day and a few leaves began to fall.

Tonight, I hurried out and began putting that plant food on the lawn with the spreader—a hopper on wheels. I got it on front lawn and on one garden path before it was too dark to do any more.

Sept. 27 This morning I looked at the clouds and hurried out to work instead of taking off for the office. I worked hard and fast and before long, had the plant food on all the rest of the grass.

Within half an hour it began to rain. All day long it rained gently but firmly. This washed in all that plant food. I think the grass was greener by night, already.

Sept. 29 It began to rain about 10 minutes before I was ready to go out and work tonight—and I don't know why. But anyhow, all my plans were spoiled. I was going to hoe the mum bed again, weed the strawberry bed, and what not.

Sept. 30 Ground too wet for work tonight. Tired out anyhow from the labors of the day at the office. So tonight just didn't change to work clothes. Lit my pipe, called for Scratch, the family pooch, to go along. Just wandered out by the light of a sinking sun and enjoyed myself.

Forgot all about the toil and the sweat that had happened here since last March. Just looked at the posies and sorta patted myself on the head, so to speak, because I had so many fine blooms. And thankful, too, that no frost has come yet to spoil their beauty and remind me of coming winter.

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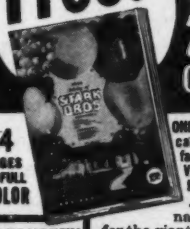

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Remodeling

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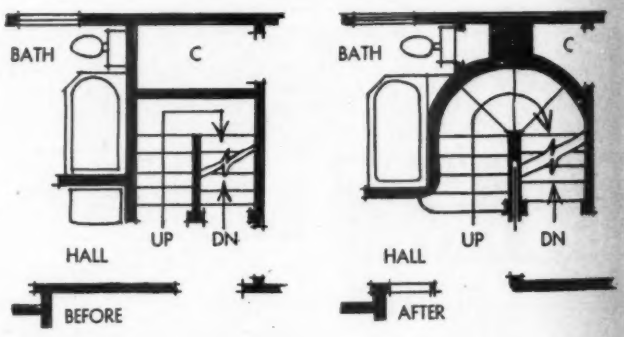
Widened stairway greatly improves traffic—and appearance. Graceful curve replaces former sharp corners (see plan below). Walls in hall were curved to repeat shape. Jumble of doors that opened into each other was eliminated. Sliding door now closes off study area. Deep, hard-to-use closet now shares space with bath



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Yet, any small remodeling detail would have the same chance. *Every improvement to your home—large or small, costly or not—has an equal chance of winning a prize.*

If you've done something to improve your home this summer, or if you still plan a project this fall, enter the contest today. There's an entry blank on page 6.

(To the folks who've already entered, but haven't sent the Contest Editor your Final Entry Form our message is: "Hurry and wind things up!" Take plenty of pictures to show what you've done, then mail your material before the last-minute rush.)

How they live on $10,000 a year

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sitting expense for a year is roughly $100.

Other expenses are on the same scale; $75 a year for birthday presents, $98 for dentist bills, $26 for eyeglasses for the children, $100 for auto repairs, $48 for shoes for the children, $120 for their clothes. The family doesn't bother much about holding down utility bills.

"If they're too high some month, we go on a turning-out-lights kick for a few days, but that's about all," Doug says. "Our light and water bills ran $102 last year, our gas furnace and water heater came to $84, and our phone bill was $96."

The phone bill will be higher this year. Recently Doug and Norma decided to put an extension in the back bedroom, costing $1 monthly plus a $4 installation charge. They also spent $10 to change the black telephone in the kitchen to a yellow one, which harmonizes with the color scheme there.

Doug paid $1,273 federal income tax last year, and $40 state income tax. He paid $84 for medical insurance, and $336 for life insurance. Fire insurance on the house, furnishings, and clothes came to $36. His insurance on the automobile cost $77. He also paid $8 for personal liability insurance.

"The way he plays golf, he needs it," Norma says.

Counting incidentals such as cleaning bills, haircuts, Norma's $2.50 a month at the beauty parlor, $1 a week to launder four of Doug's shirts, and a total of about $90 to the church and other charities, the F.'s can account for total expenditures during the past 12 months of about $9,270. This leaves about $500 unaccounted for. There isn't nearly that much in the bank. So Doug and Norma probably spent slightly more than they think they did on some items; or else some slices of those weekly $25 checks to "Cash" must have gone for other items they've forgotten. Doug and Norma don't care. They live within their income, and they enjoy the way they live.

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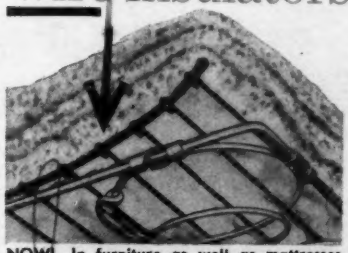

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Larger depressions may be leveled by peeling back sod and adding soil. Cut sod into narrow strips small enough to roll back easily.

If soil is very dry, water day before so sod can be rolled back more easily. Watering will also help grass to quicker recovery.

Use a short, jabbing motion with spade edge to slice under sod—cut layer about one inch thick.

Fill in—or subtract—the amount of soil needed to make surface level. Use back of rake to break up clods and smooth the soil.

Tamp down lightly. Add plant food to give old sod extra strength for reanchoring roots in new bed.

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Where to put the TV set

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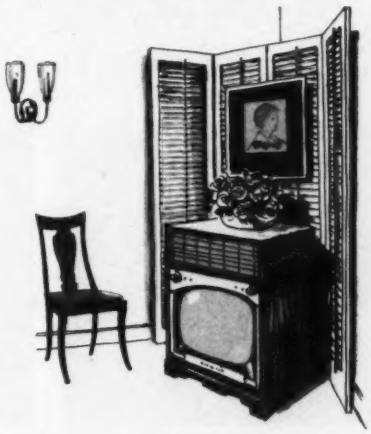
If your favorite TV show comes on right at dinnertime and you can't afford a set to take to the table:

Equip your TV set with wheels, and place it near the dining-room door. The wheels will let you move it easily into either room for viewing, push it where you like in the living room.

When a corner is the only logical place to put the set but you disapprove of such cater-cornered arrangements:



Fill the empty corner by putting a decorative screen behind the television set.

The screen will make an asset of the TV corner and the set won't look deserted.

Be sure to use a screen with a flat, smooth surface that will bounce sound.

If all suitable wall space is lined with furniture, cut up with closet doors, or in a traffic lane:

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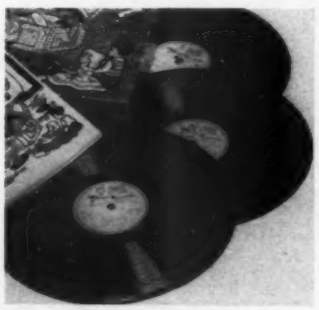

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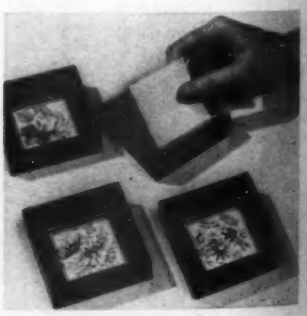

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Artisan Galleries, 2100 N. Haskell, Dallas 4, Tex.

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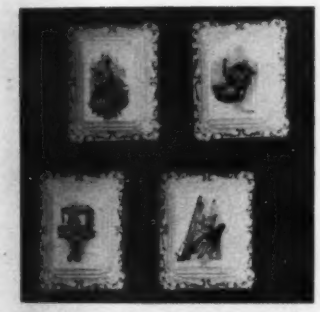

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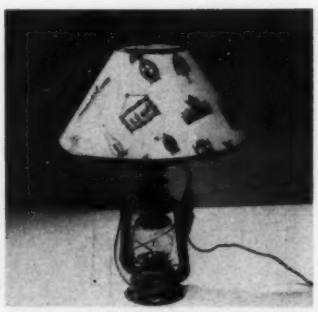

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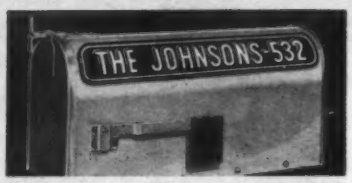

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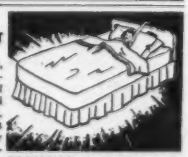

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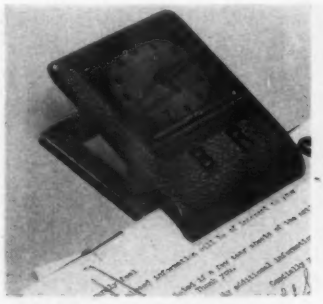

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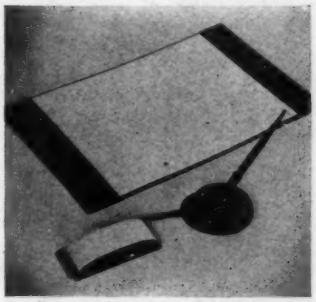

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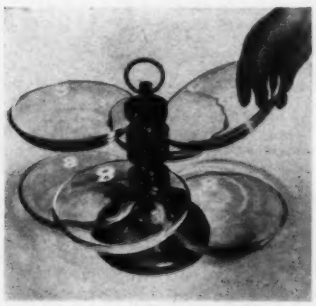

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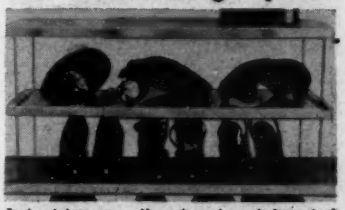

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These ideas make a more livable room for the Julian Rifkins of Newton, Massachusetts. Who would guess that the foreground sofa is the old dining-room table with new legs, foam-rubber mattress, and back bolster? With the other sofas, it completes the large conversation grouping the family wanted. They hung pictures on perforated hardboard so they could change arrangements without leaving holes in wall. Board is bolted to studs

These four ideas work!

By Kay Russell

- Lamp table designed for book storage
- End table that holds fireplace logs
- Sofa made from old dining table
- Perforated-hardboard picture mounting

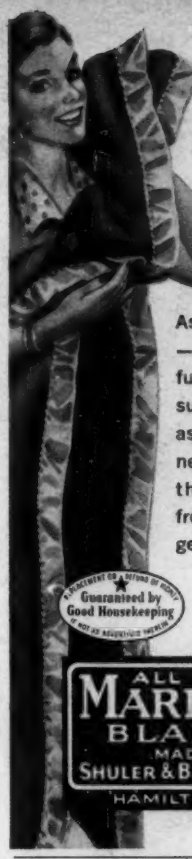
Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman. Architect: Lester Lechter, A.I.A.

This table solves problem of how to store logs and kindling near fireplace, eliminates usual unsightly wood basket. It's also a lamp table and back rest for sofa bolster.

Even filled to the top, drawer slides out as easily as any office file drawer.

Mr. Rifkin designed corner storage table to complete arrangement of the living-room sofas, and to provide space large enough for the big lamp. Openings were planned to hold books and magazines of all sizes within easy reach of the reader.

Pull-out shelf is handy for morning coffee, afternoon tea. Lamps made from harbor lights.



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Youngish Loren Pedrick, five times a grandfather, took his pretty wife Pauline out for an all-day picnic recently, just the two of them, first time since their courtship days. It was most unfortunate. Pauline has spread the word so enthusiastically that every woman in town is now "dinging" at us men to know why *we* aren't romantic and thoughtful that way.

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"Why cry over spilt milk?" asked neighbor Ralph Emerson, trenchantly. "Console yourself over the fact that it's four-fifths water, anyway."

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I like to think that I am dynamic and aggressive in the world outside our home. Oddly enough, my good wife encourages me in that bit of inspiring fiction. On the theory, I suspect, that it satisfies my masculine yearning, thus making me more tractable around the house.

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Sympathy is extended to good neighbors Jack and Elisabeth McInnes. Their Jeannie, having been naughty and duly scolded, was invited to ask the blessing at lunch. She prayed, "Thank thee, Lord, for preparing a table for me in the presence of mine enemies."

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As an amateur scientist of the old school, I know exactly what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable body. I've seen my teen-age daughter, standing hands on hips and spraddle-legged, demanding something beyond our budget which my wife, standing hands on hips and spraddle-legged, says she may not have.

My experience with women and girls is that they may have a dozen reasons for buying something or doing something, but that the one most often given when you press them is, "Just because."

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One reason America is great is that we drag our faults into the open for all to see and criticize and help correct. This same technique, I have found, is equally effective in building family success.

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"Inflation is a menace no matter how you face it," rumbled Fred Fell to his wife Margaret, dressing for the theater last night. "If you save money, its buying power drops. If you spend it on clothes, your waistline inflates and you can't get into them."

If memory serves (and the service is terrible) I went off to college with one frayed suitcase and a tennis racquet. Neighbor Hale's son Bud left yesterday with two trunks, six matched pieces of hand luggage, golf clubs, skis, a bulldog, and a red convertible. O.K., I'm for it. I didn't set the world afire after graduation; maybe Bud can.

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Heard quite an inspired lecture Tuesday, but it didn't sound so smooth when I tried to repeat it to my Christine. It seems that if we are weary of keeping our eye on the ball, our ear to the ground, our nose to the grindstone, and our tongue in our cheek the time has come to get our dander up and put our foot down.

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My wife has the "awfulest" memory I ever heard of. She remembers everything I ever promised her.

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Astute friend Herb Young, studying the national economy down in balmy Florida, reports that it's sound. "The boom will continue," says he, "as long as customers are making payments because they are working, and working because they've got payments to make!"

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Now that I sip lemonade in the shade and meditate on election year again, I wonder whatever became of the dire disaster the Democrats predicted if the Republicans were elected 4 years ago. And whatever became of the utopia the Republicans promised if elected.

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Sooner or later you young folks will discover that the more you grow up, the less you blow up.

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While traveling last month, we Hillises stopped in a big city church. Though strangers, we were all welcomed with an invitation to dinner, my 16-year-old Rosemary got asked for a date, my 12-year-old son Burton, Jr. got invited to go swimming. "Isn't church membership wonderful!" said our impressed kids. For a fact, it is.

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You realize that your home is as you like it when—you overhear a 6-year-old hostess tell a little guest, "Don't worry about making noise. Our Mommie and Daddy *like* children." . . . some member puts a gift in your hands, saying, "Saw this downtown and thought you might like it." . . . growing-up daughter and son ask you for guidance in their intimate social problems . . . neighbors look to your family for leadership in little things such as landscaping, decorating, improving utility services, P.T.A. work . . . Grandmother can have a spree of "bossing" everybody knowing it will be gently received . . . you come in exhausted, defeated, depressed, sense the quick understanding in your mate, get a kiss and a hot meal, and are shunted off to bed for 10 restorative hours.

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